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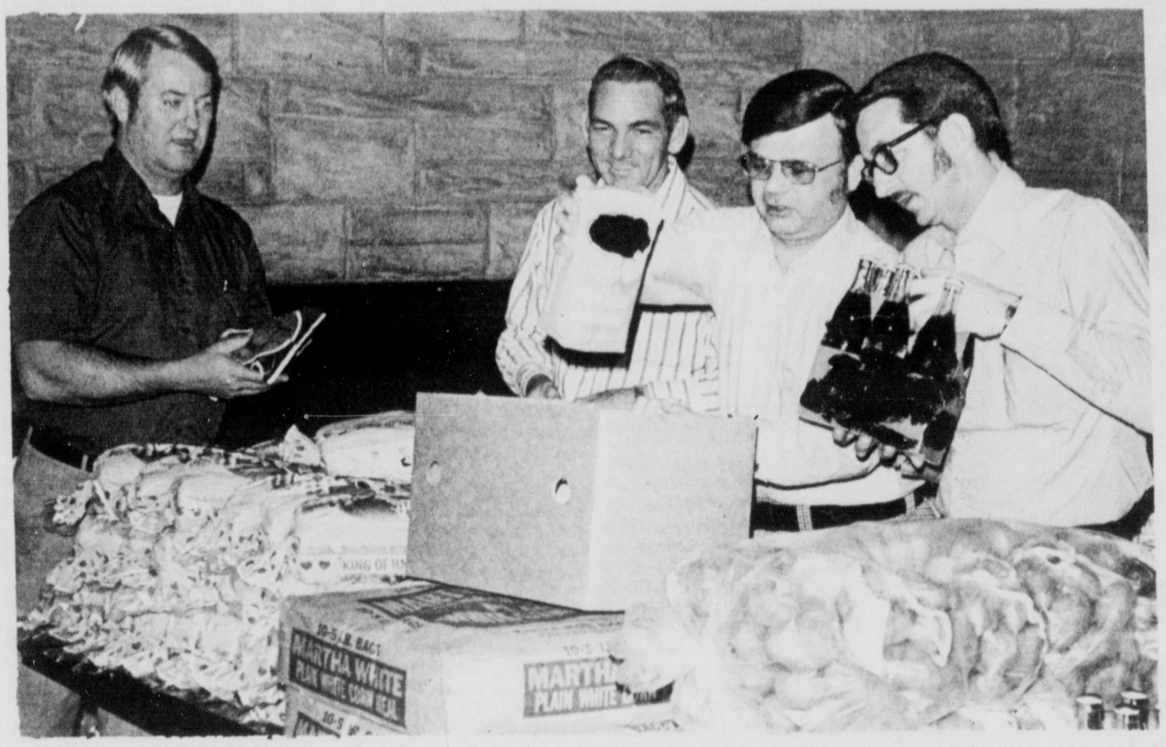

Elks prepare Christmas boxes

Elks Club members prepared 25 Christmas boxes Friday night for distribution to needy families in the Sikeston area. From left are John Watkins, Richard Duncan, Mel Cokenour and Charles McGill. Needy families will receive hams, chickens, milk and the usual holiday trimmings. (Daily Standard Photo)

Hanoi denies Giap killed in Haiphong

SAIGON (AP) — North Vietnamese officials denied a South Vietnamese report today that Defense Minister Vo Nguyen Giap was killed in Haiphong, where U.S. warplanes continued to mount the biggest aerial blitz of the war.

A statement by Hanoi's delegation to the Paris peace talks said: "Here, we do not deem it necessary to take the trouble to show that this is a product of the psychological war of the Americans-puppets."

A North Vietnamese official said this was a formal denial that Giap had been killed Friday, reportedly by a delayed mine while on an inspection tour of bombing damage at the Tran Hung Dao armaments depot.

South Vietnamese intelligence sources said the report of Giap's death was picked up from a radio broadcast monitored in Saigon, but there was no separate evidence to support it. U.S. officials said they had no knowledge of the report, and no other details were available.

Giap, 60, led the Viet Minh to victory over the French in the first Indochina war and has been the principal architect of the North Vietnamese effort in the current war.

He was quoted earlier as saying of the current U.S. bombing drive: "Hanoi and Haiphong and other cities may be destroyed, but the Vietnamese people will not be intimidated. Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom. The more barbarous and treacherous the U.S. imperialists, the deeper the Vietnamese peoples' hatred and the higher their determination to resist the aggressors and save the country."

Meanwhile, air losses mounted to record numbers as U.S. planes continued to mount the biggest aerial blitz of the war against North Vietnam's heartland.

The U.S. Command admitted that 14 planes, including 10 B52 bombers, have been downed since the heavy raids were launched above the 20th parallel Monday and that at least 56 U.S. airmen are missing.

Radio Hanoi claimed that two more B52s wer3 shot down near Haiphong today, raising to 17 the number of Stratofortresses and to 42 the number of American planes that North Vietnam claims to have downed in the last six days.

Hanoi Radio accused the Pentagon of lying in its claim that only military targets are being attacked.

Hanoi's official Vietnam News Agency reported Friday that five U.S. fliers presented at a news conference in Hanoi earlier in the day had "taken part in a predawn B52 raid against populous areas in Hanoi which caused heavy destruction to many inhabited quarters and public utility establishments including the Bach Mai Hospital, the biggest polyclinic in North Vietnam, which was almost completely demolished. Many patients and medical workers in the hospital were killed or injured."

The U.S. Command maintained secrecy on the air operations over the North. In contrast to past policy, the command this week refused to disclose what specific targets were being attacked, the number of missions flown and how it assesses the damage.

U.S. informants indicated that the Command was delaying the acknowledgement of downed aircraft and spacing out announcements to minimize the impact on the American public. However, the Command traditionally announces aircraft losses only after search and rescue missions have ended.

Truman slips into critical condition

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Harry S. Truman slipped into critical condition early today for the second time in his 2½-week hospital stay. He remained unconscious.

Doctors made the condition change after noting increased lung congestion and further complications with decreased blood pressure. A hospital spokesman said the former president, 88, was showing less of an ability to respond to the situation, which for 18 days has placed an extraordinary strain on his lungs, heart and kidneys.

The condition change was made at 7:45 a.m. EST. Truman's wife, Bess, 87, arrived at Research Hospital and Medical Center about 15 minutes later.

The hospital spokesman said Margaret Truman Daniel, who returned to her home in New York last week after spending two weeks with her mother, had been advised of the new development.

The crisis was reported similar to one the former president passed through some 24 hours earlier, when doctors considered him critical for about an hour and a half. A news briefing was delayed 45 minutes, by which time Truman had rallied to remain very serious.

A medical bulletin issued at 10 a.m. EST said, in part:

"Mr. Truman's blood pressure has been kept normal with medication since 7 a.m. His lung congestion, which increased during the night and early morning, is unchanged. His kidney output has diminished."

The former President has been unconscious at least since early Friday, when a hospital spokesman said he did not know if doctors considered the state to be a coma.

Dr. Wallace Graham, Truman's personal physician, said his patient's state of consciousness was secondary to his need of rest.

The nation's 33rd president has been receiving a special chemical diet since Tuesday in an effort to restore his kidney function and stave off blood toxicity. It has succeeded in decreasing the poisonous urea-nitrogen level in his bloodstream, but a hospital spokesman said that, "as kidneys improve, there are times when rapid and potentially dangerous changes in body chemistry may occur."

The hospital spokesman said Friday night that Truman's condition was "possibly somewhat worse" than Thursday, adding that "his blood pressure still hasn't improved, and his pulse rate is somewhat rapid."

Jail escapee apprehended

Sam Clayburn briefly escaped at 10:01 p.m. Friday from jail while making a telephone call in the police department. Clayburn, who was being held for disturbing the peace, ran out the back door.

He was apprhended by police at 10:04 p.m. on Maude Street and returned to jail. Police said no additional charges would be filed.

No Standard Christmas day

The Daily Standard will not be published Monday, Christmas Day. The management and staff take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas.

Charmin rejects unions

CAPE GIRARDEAU--Employes of the Charmin Paper Products Company voted Thursday and Friday to preserve their non union status by overwhelmingly rejecting unionization bids by both the United Paperworkers International Union and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, according to election results released today by plant management.

In a National Labor Relations Board election held at the plant Thursday and Friday, 351 votes were cast against the union, 88 votes favored the UPIU, and 71 votes favored the IBT. The election was supervised by Donald F. Jueneman and Paul Shroeder Jr. of the NLRB in St. Louis.

In previous elections held in 1969 and 1971, Charmin employes elected to remain non union by rejecting the United Papermakers and Paperworkers Union by more than a three to one margin.

Post office to reduce schedule

The Sikeston Post Office will operate a reduced schedule of services for the Christmas holiday weekend, Postmaster Donald Pasaka said today.

Today the window and collection service will remain on regular schedule. Sunday the post office will be closed so that postal employes may spend the holiday with their families.

However, the post office lobby will be open Sunday for mail deposit, access to lock boxes and purchase of stamps from self- service machines. Collection and special delivery services will be provided, Pasaka said.

On Christmas day, the office will be closed. However, special delivery services will be provided.

Pasaka praised customers for mailing early and helping the Sikeston office successfully and smoothly handle this year's Christmas mail and to deliver it on time. "Christmas mail volume reached a record high in Sikeston," he said. "The fact that local media cooperated in advising the public on our suggested mail-early dates and that customers heeded our request to mail early, made it possible for postal workers to get through this very heavy mailing season," he said. He also praised his staff and employes, "each of whom gave a 100 per cent effort to help bring a Merry Christmas to young and old."

Correction

It was erroneously reported in Friday's Daily Standard that Stephen Dwain Perry of Parma was charged with possession of marijuana by Sikeston police. Perry was held for investigation of possession of marijuana, and no charges have been filed, police said.

12 hurt in accidents

Radar speed checks by the Missouri High Patrol apparently paid big dividends Friday and Saturday morning as the nationwide fatality toll for the Christmas Holiday began and only six minor accidents were recorded in the troop E district, resulting in 12 minor injuries.

Bonnie Joe Wallace, 26, of East Prairie was treated at the Missouri Delta Community Hospital in Sikeston for scratches of the arms and knees after he jumped from trooper Norris Grissom's patrol car while being transported to the Mississippi county jail at Charleston after being caught by radar for speeding on highway 105.

The nationwide fatality count ends at midnight Monday. Southeast Missouri has had 173 persons killed on the highway this year, which is two why of the 1965 record of 175.

Ronald L. McAnulty, 25, of Essex was injured at 7 p.m. Friday when he lost control of his car and ran into a deep ditch, striking several trees three miles west of Sikeston on highway 114.

He was taken to Missouri Delta Community hospital in Sikeston where he was treated and released.

Eve Odgen, 56, of Dorena received a broken left collar bone, bruises and scratches in an accident at 5:20 p.m. on Highway 80 four miles west of East Prairie. She was turning her 1972 model car west and was struck headon by Henry Thomas Gimlin, 28, of Sikeston driving a 1973 pick-up. Mrs. Ogden was taken to the Missouri Delta Community Hospital.

At 6 p.m. three miles south of Hayti at the junction of Highways 51 and 64, a van driven south by Bruce Gann, 21, of Blyethville, Ark. was struck by a 1972 tractor trailer rig driven north by Richard C. Ridger, 44, of Lexington, Okla.

The Rider vehicle was rounding a curb at a detour and sideswiped a bridge abutment and went out of control, causing the trailer to jackknife. It was then struck by the Gann van. Gann received cuts to the face and Jerry Sumners, 22, of Steele, a passenger in the truck, received a broken arm. Teresa Breington, 17, of Blytheville, also a passenger in the Gann van had cuts to her right leg. The injured were taken to the Pemiscot County Memorial Hospital in Hayti for treatment.

A 1968 Ford sedan driven east by Cecil Claude Summerfield, 64, of Poplar Bluff, attempted to make a left turn at 8:20 p.m. Friday on Highway 60 east of Poplar Bluff, as two other cars were passing him and caused a three- vehicle crash. The Summerfield vehicle was struck in the side by a car driven east by Richard Leon Nelson, 26, of Poplar Bluff and then crashed into the rear of a pickup, also going east, and driven by Frances Eugene Stamps, 37, also of Poplar Bluff.

A passenger in the Summerfield vehicle, Earnest Summerfield, 50, of Poplar Bluff, received minor neck and shoulder injuries. Nelson had a cut lip. They were treated and released at Doctor's Hospital.

Four were injured in a one car accident which occurred at 5:45 a.m. today on U. S. 60, one half mile west of Sikeston near the Holiday Inn.

A 1963 convertible driven by Mary Kathleen Jones of Morehouse, 26, was traveling west when it went over an ice covered bridge. The car went out of control, slid off the road, down an embankment and overturned.

The four occupants of the car were pinned inside.

Those injured in the accident were the driver, Rebecca Boshell, 13, Joe Boshell, 13; Joe Boshell, 34; and Rose Boshell, 59, all of Morehouse. They were taken to the Missouri Delta Community Hospital. Extent of their injuries was not determined.

Weather Review

Weather observations are for the 24- hour periods ending at 7 a.m. daily.

	High	Low	Rain
Dec. 16	33	9	.00
Dec. 17	31	26	.00
Dec. 18	45	25	.23
Dec. 19	52	35	.10
Dec. 20	44	34	.00
Dec. 21	39	31	.00
Dec. 22	41	29	.01

Rainfall for the week.....34
Rainfall for the month ...5.25
Rainfall for the year.....56.07

	'69	'70	'71	'72
Jan.	10.56	.96	4.01	2.36
Feb.	2.28	2.66	6.81	5.48
Mar.	3.20	5.92	1.68	2.70
Apr.	5.96	8.39	2.34	6.52
May	1.96	2.97	3.68	2.42
June	1.26	8.61	7.70	1.92
July	3.29	2.18	5.05	7.27
Aug.	3.29	3.42	5.32	3.41
Sept.	2.17	4.97	4.74	5.40
Oct.	2.99	5.04	1.71	7.39
Nov.	3.78	2.26	2.54	5.95
Dec.	2.02	3.87	4.20	
	43.50	53.18	49.78	

Callers are urged to use non-peak hours

Christmas callers can beat the long distance phone rush by using non- peak periods Christmas weekend, according to Mark Rudloff. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Manager in Sikeston.

Rudloff said the calling rush usually begins Christmas Eve and ends late Christmas night. However, the peaks usually are the greatest from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6 p.m. midnight Christmas day.

"Since Christmas is on Monday this year," he said, "some people may want to call Saturday or before evening Sunday when circuits won't be so busy. He also reminded that one- plus dialing rates are lower at all hours than rates for operator-handled calls."

He said that American Telephone and Telegraph Long Lines is adding hundreds of circuits to its domestic and international network to meet the demand.

Rudloff suggested that customers who wish to make holiday long distance calls are wise to get the numbers from Directory Assistance before the Christmas week-end begins.

"In Sikeston, we expect to handle about 110,000 long distance calls on Christmas Day," he said. "Although the majority of these are customer dialed, there will be adequate numbers of operators on duty to assist customers on calls."

He said the Bell System handled 10.3 million interstate calls last Christmas and expects to handle 11.5 million this year. Another 135 thousand international calls also are anticipated.

"Christmas and Mother's Day are the two busiest days of the year at the phone company," Rudloff ssid.

Break-in suspects arrested

BERNIE— Ronald Wayne Shipley of Farmington, 23, and Milford Leon Crader Jr. of Flat River, 28, were apprehended by Bernie police at 11:50 p.m. Friday after they allegedly broke into Nickens Pharmacy in Bloomfield and took $80 worth of hard drugs.

The suspects were caught on Highway 25 and are being held in the Bernie jail for Stoddard County authorities.

Police found a paper sack containing drugs and a loaded .22- caliber automatic pistol in the pickup truck in which the two were traveling.

A witness saw two men leave the store and get into a red pickup truck about 11:15 p.m. Entry was gained by kicking open the back door.

It's Inside.....

Rescuers work to save survivors of an October plane crash in the alps in Chile. Turn to ... page 3.

Rep. Bill D. Burlison explains farm legislation to Production Credit Association directors at a two-day conference in Columbia. For farm news, turn to ... page 7.

National collegiate basketball champion UCLA wins 50th straight game. Turn to ... page 9.

.....And Outside

Cloudy through Sunday. Chance of rain or possibly snow late tonight and Sunday. Low tonight in low to mid 30s. Turning colder Sunday with high in mid to upper 30s. Probabilities of precipitation 40 per cent tonight, 50 Sunday.

EXTENDED FORECAST

A chance of rain Monday and Tuesday. Turning cooler Monday with little change Tuesday and Wednesday. Low Monday morning in lower 40s and high in upper 40s. Tuesday and Wednesday lows will range in low 30s and high in mid 40s.

HIGH AND LOW

High and low temperatures for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today were 41 and 29 degrees. Rain measured .01 inch.

Sunset today ..... 4:46 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow...7:10 a.m.
Moonrise tonight... 8:49 p.m.
Last Quarter.....Dec. 27

PROMINENT STAR

Regulus near the moon. (Tomorrow night Regulus will be above the moon).

VISIBLE PLANETS

Mars rises.....4:37 a.m.
Saturn sets.....5:34 a.m.
Venus rises .....5:28 a.m.

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Saturday, December 23 — Fed Up With Winter Rally & Protest

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POOR CHARLIE SAYS!

Drive by the Myers house 208 Moore Xmas Eve nite. See the lights.

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We were interested in this bit of information found in the book, "Harry S. Truman," by his daughter, Margaret Truman.

Ten days after he took office as the President of the United States, Mr. Truman met briefly with the Soviet Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov. Miss Truman writes: -

"Practically everything Molotov said was pure doubletalk ... not once throughout this labyrinth of evasion did dad loose his temper. He reiterated that he desired the friendship of the Soviet government, but it could only be on the basis of 'mutual observation of agreements and not on the basis of a one-way street.' "

"Huffily, Molotov said, 'I have never been talked to like that in my life.'

"'Carry out your agreements and you won't get talked to like that,' dad replied."

We wonder if the present administration in Washington is making things as "perfectly clear" to the Reds as did our spunky president, Harry S. Truman.

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TWO GOLDEN DAYS

Passenger trains are now almost a thing of the past. But, for those who have experienced the thrill of a train ride, it is an era that will never be forgotten. We wonder how many folk are still around who rode the fabulous old Boston and Main -- the "B & M" -- from Boston, Massachusetts to points North in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont? There are a few who still remember, not only the trains, but a very special conductor. Those who met him will never forget Guy E. Philbrick.

As any of the old timers can tell you, all train rides were not happy occasions. Many of them were sad; a son going off to war, a visit to a hospital, or to start a long journey away from home and loved ones. Nearly every "run" a tearful departure could be seen. But Guy Philbrick was very sensitive to the sadness he saw; after all, his job required him to be away from home and family for long days and nights. He therefore sought to comfort those in distress, and for that purpose he carried in his pocket a number of poems and writings which helped to lighten the heart of many a traveler.

One of our correspondents ran across one of these treasures recently, and would like to share it with you. Read on, and you will see why.

There are two golden days in the week about which I never worry; two care-free days, kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday.

Yesterday, with its cares and frets and all it pains and aches; all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond my recall. I cannot undo an act that I wrought, I cannot unsay a word I said. All that it holds of my life is in the hands of God Almighty. Save for the beautiful memories that linger like the perfume of roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday. It was mine ... now it is God's.

And the other day I do not worry about is Tomorrow.

Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promises and poor performance, is as far beyond my mastery as its dead sister, Yesterday. Its sun will rise in roseate splendor, or behind a mask of weeping clouds ... but it will rise. Save for the Star of Hope that gleams on the brow of Tomorrow, shining with tender promise into the heart of Today, I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All else is in the safe keeping of the Infinite Love that is higher than the stars, wider than the skies, deeper than the seas. Tomorrow is God's day. It will be mine.

There is left for myself, then, but one Day in the week ... Today!

Any man can fight the battles of Today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just One Day. Any one can resist the temptations of Today. It is only when we willfully add the burden of those two awful eternities, Yesterday and Tomorrow, that we break down.

Therefore, I think, and I do, and I journey but one day at a time - Today. Dutifully I run my course and work my appointed task on that one Day that is ours, God takes care of Yesterday, and Tomorrow.

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Scents of Guilt. In Kansas City, Mo., the circuit court reversed a drunken - driving conviction which had cost Frank J. Ross a 60-day license suspension and a $100 fine after he explained that he had not been drinking, had merely been eating aromatic Italian cookies.

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COURTESY AMONG THIEVES, TOO

The Arabs who took over a German airliner as ransom for the release of three of their fellows involved in the killing of 11 Israeli athletes during the Munich Olympics may have been terrorists, but they were "gentlemen" terrorists.

According to Michael Getchell, lone American aboard the plane, the hijackers "were courteous and polite" — although there was no doubt they meant business.

It's encouraging to learn that we are getting a more refined breed of hijackers, who don't just rudely and boorishly say, "Give us what we demand or we will blow up this plane and kill everyone in it."

After all, it doesn't hurt to say "please."

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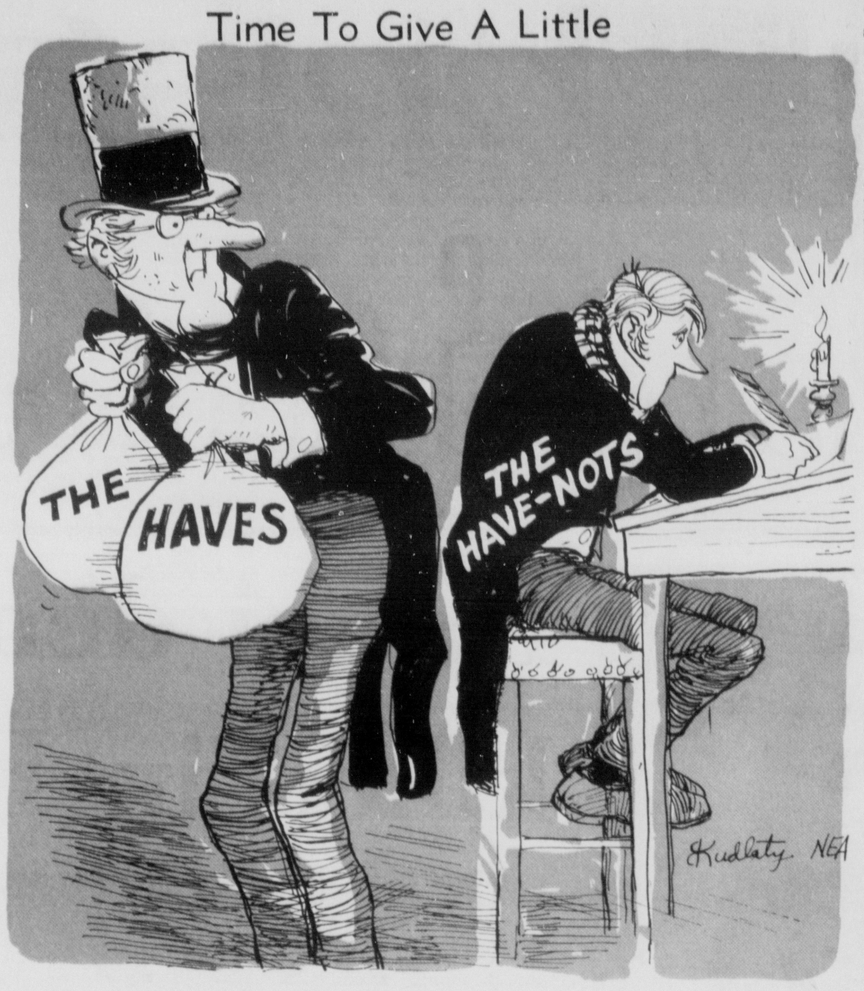
"Don't believe the world owes you a living; the world owes you nothing -- it was here first." - - Robert Jones Burdette.



TOMORROW

DECEMBER 24 — SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE. Dec. 24. Family gift giving occasion in many Christian countries.

FESTIVAL OF THE NINE LESSONS. Dec. 24. York Minster, Yorkshire, England.

GUNSALUTE TO CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. Dec. 24 (also Dec. 31). Berchtesgaden, Germany.

LIBYA: NATIONAL HOLIDAY. Dec. 24. (Independence Day.)

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COME TRIM THE TREE

Everyone knows there's a Santa Cluas, but because you aren't supposed to actually see him deliver his presents, the biggest event in the secular preparation for Christmas is usually the trimming of the family tree. Kids growing up are conditioned to the custom, but when they ask why, they are certain to receive an unsatisfactory answer from mother and father. No one questions traditions that began in the Eighth Century.

It need not be that way. The Memphis Public Library and Information Center at Peabody and McLean is having a "Trim the Tree" afternoon on Saturday, starting at 2:15. It's strictly for youngsters, and the only requirement is that you bring an ornament (even the homemade paper variety) to put on the tree.

Miss Margaret Poarch, coordinator of children's services at the library, promises that there'll be some Christmas tree history woven in with the storytelling and caroling. The stories? Why, there will be "Schnitzle, Schnotzle and Schnootzle," not to mention "'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime," a sort of Indian version of the Christmas Eve legend.

Also on Saturday, at 1 p.m. will be the announcement of prize winners in the annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest at the Memphis Pink Palace Museum, an event for the city's fifth graders. The awards total more than $100. And there'll be Christmas singing by the Wooddale Junior High School Chorus.

Pupils and teachers in about 20 Memphis area schools, both public and private, have already been trimming trees representing foreign customs, and that display can be seen currently in Southland Mall. Oh, yes, there are also three trees symbolic of different periods in the American history of the Christmas tree.

And at the Memphis Academy of Arts in Overton Park you can see the tree inventively decorated by students of the Saturday School.

But it's at the library this Saturday that children from everywhere- including some who often miss out on a family tree at home — can join in the actual trimming of a majectic green giant. The reward to each will be a candy cane— presented at the end of the hour-long program with instructions to unwrap only after leaving. That? Oh, that an old Christmas custom that grownups invented for sticky-finger tads.

Commerical Appeal

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"You have seven children? How do you cope with them?"

"Well, I have a big house and a big yard — and I hide a lot."

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BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW ...

It's a terrible thing to marry for love and find out your wife hasn't any money.

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NEW SKILLS TAUGHT

Disadvantaged young people between the ages of 16 and 20 are being taught various skills used in the business world by Victor Comptometer Corporation, Chicago, Ill.

Operating schools in 34 cities across the nation, 91 per cent of these young people are placed in job positions, according to the company's annual report, and a majority of them are promoted in less than a year.

Other 98 per cent sales within the countries in which our plants are located, and exports from those countries to other foreign countries.

"The net effect of all of our export- import activities reflects a favorable balance of payments level for Firestone.

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A GOOD SYSTEM

For 100 years the oil industry has been notable for its imagination, risk- taking and spectacular achievement in meeting public demand for its products under all circumstances. The very talents of the industry that have accounted for its success make it a logical target of political attack. They also now make it a leader in meeting, with a constructive approach, the problem of bridging the gulf between fantasy and reality among young people concerning business -- or the "establishment", if you please.

In an unprecedented interview, the three top executive officers of the nation's largest oil company carried on a rap session -- or old- fashioned bull session -- with three university students. The meeting was moderated by Frank McGee of NBC News -- and was wholly unrehearsed. The discussion covered drugs, employment opportunities, the role of the company in environmental problems and its contributions to "nonprofit" undertakings of all sorts. The students discovered one surprising fact. The most successful people in business are nonconformists. One of the company officials, when asked if it were necessary to conform in order to succeed in his company, replied, "We spend an enormous amount of time combing through our organization for people who are creative, imaginative, innovative ... So it seems odd -- this conviction that you have to conform -- when we spend our time trying to find people who don't conform in order to promote them."

Surely, when the president of a large oil company and his colleagues sit down and talk in informal meetings with the youths who will be running the country tomorrow, there cannot be too much wrong with the system. Certainly a system that encourages free discussion is far preferable to a revolution that ends in ruthless oppression.

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WHAT'S HIS FORMULA

A government expert from the Office of Health, Education and Welfare was lecturing a group on the wise handling of money and in particular how to stretch the food budget.

"You think you have problems today," he admonished them. "Take the case of King Solomon. He had a thousand wives and fed them all well!"

"Never mind what he fed them," said a voice from the back of the room. "What did he eat?"

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The teacher was checking her students' knowledge of proverbs. "Cleanliness is next to what?" she asked.

A small boy replied with real feeling: "Impossible."

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BUY BONDS EVERY PAYDAY

Payroll savings for the purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds continues to be an excellent means of attaining personal long- range financial goals.

Since 1936, Social Security has provided a modest floor of protection upon which to build a retirement program. Many employers also sponsor private pension plans to augment retirement income. Today approximately 30 million employees are covered by pension funds exceeding $130 billion.

However, forward- thinking families take additional means to provide for future needs such as savings accounts and investments in stocks and mutual funds. One of the better ways to save is through regular payroll deductions for the purchase of United States Savings Bonds where you work.

More than 10 million employees in 40,000 companies are enrolled in payroll savings. Series E Bonds pay a bonus interest rate of 5½ per cent compounded semi-annually when held to maturity of 5 years, 10 months. And they can be held beyond maturity at the same bonus rate. Bond interest is not subject to state or local income tax and the federal tax may be declared annually or deferred.

Whatever your future financial plans may be, United States Savings Bonds should be a part of them.

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On a church bulletin board: "We're working to beat the devil ..."

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BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW ...

A cocktail party is a gathering at which you meet people who drink so much you can't remember their names.

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ANOTHER SMALL VICTORY

In the welter of high-powered, politically- oriented, consumer protectionism that has pree- empted such a large part of the news, marketplace myths and misinformation spread with the tenacity of crabgrass. One of the most prevalent myths is that promotion and advertising are needless costs to consumers.

A sharp- eyed letter writer responded in no uncertain terms to a Colorado editor who had apparently fallen victim to this myth with respect to trading stamps. The editor was gracious enough to print the letter under the heading,"We take a licking". And indeed he did. The writer observed, "Let me present some facts ... The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently stated that trading stamps are a negligible factor in the Consumer Price Index and won't be included in future studies; a recent survey found this picture of merchants giving trading stamps; 5.4 percent raised some prices, 85.3 percent made no change in prices, 9.3 percent reduced prices; ... a leading research organization, in a 13 year study, concluded that 78 per cent of all families across the nation save and redeem stamps; trading stamps are the only promotional or advertising device that rewards the customers equitably for shopping a particular merchant and gives them lasting, tangible benefits for the money spent."

There was more in a similar vein in the letter, but the writer had made his point sufficiently to prove his case so far as the editor was concerned. Thus, a small victory was won for the cause of the free market in the war against antifree market consumerism.

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FIRST SLICE OF COLD TURKEY

"Have you got a cigarette?" one man asked his friend.

"How come?" queried the friend. "The last time I talked to you, you had sworn off the weed for good."

"Well," said the first man, "I'm still in the first stage: I've quit buying them."

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What should a room air conditioner warranty cover?

Before you buy the appliance, find out if the warranty covers both parts and labor, for how long and who must do the repair work. Most companies will pay for defective parts and the labor to repair or replace them during the first year. If the sealed refrigeration system is found defective during the first five years, the company will usually repair or replace any part found defective. If there are conditions in the warranty you don't understand, inquire about them, particularly in regard to what the company will pay for and what the owner is expected to pay.

We transferred a room air conditioner from the living room to a small bedroom. It worked perfectly until moved. The bedroom is far too cold and uncomfortable now. What causes this?

The size of a room affects the operation of an air conditioner. If the appliance is too large, it pulls down the temperature of the room too quickly and turns itself off before removing moisture from the air. This causes a clammy feeling in the room.

Do dryer- dried clothes wear out faster than line-dried items?

The answer is no because there is more stress and strain on clothes hanging in the wind and bleached or faded by the sun. A properly used clothes dryer should lengthen the life of clothes.

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Two men were discussing the fact that both their sons were away at college.

"What does your boy plan to be when he graduates?" asked one.

"I'm not really sure," replied the other, "but judging from his letters it appears that he aims to be a professional fund-raiser."

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Invitations to a testimonial dinner for a California assemblyman read: "Cocktails at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 8:00 p.m. Donation one hundred dollars per person. Roquefort dressing 25 cents extra."

Inside Labor

By Victor Riesel

NEW YORK-- Always there are the professional cynics, the dilettante doubters and give- the- youngsters- a- chance milieu who disdainfully dismiss reports of Vietcong- type guerrilla warfare on our urban and industrial fronts. There are, after all, no tropical jungles in the U.S.

But now that bombs burst anew over [illegible] agents who have specialized in counter underground warfare expect the bombs to burst, and bullets to spurt [illegible] sabotage to flare in and around our crowded communities and big factories-- especially defense plants-- here at home.

There are violence- oriented anti- war fanatics whose pacifism doesn't keep them from being any less lethal than networks of dynamite- oriented revolutionary Marxist— Leninist— Maoist— Che Gueveraist— Castroist— Pyongyang (North Korea) underground movements.

Virtually all of these cadres consist of young activists-- such as the assassination- prone 25- year- old Mark Rudd who headed the seizure of much of Columbia University some years ago. At that time Mark was the special lad of faculty members who cheered him on as he led the assault to protest the construction of a gymnasium which he argued would intrude upon a ghetto park.

Rudd now is underground, directing killer "focal" cells for the Weathermen, the "Weather People" or just simple "Weatherman." They stay underground easily enough-- what with one of their "weapons" being narcotics. "Dope is one of our weapons," boasts Weatherman. Acting Director Pat Gray reports that "the drug- oriented youth culture has provided Weatherman refuge in the U.S. and abroad."

I interpret this as the revolutionsists smuggling narcotics into this country and their supplying it to the "culture" as the price of a "safe house" or fugitive haven.

"One of the most violent of..revolutionary organizations is Weatherman," says Gray in a recent report. "Bernardine Dohrn, a Weatherman leader and FBI fugitive, said in 1970 that Weatherman was declaring war and would use 'the classic guerrilla strategy of the Vietcong'...Weatherman has made no secret of its revolutionary objectives. The group is composed, in the words of one of its leaders, Bill Ayers, of 'revolutionary Communists' whose aim is to 'destroy imperialism and establish a Socialist state.' "

Traditionally, university faculty leaders have either smiled tolerantly or attacked angrily in the face of such semantics. Having been hurled down grand staircases and having seen some of their best libraries go up in bomb blasts and having been attacked on ivy- lined campus lanes, the professional community disdains less swiftly these days. Indeed their caution is the better part of intellectual discretion.

No longer are they off-limits for the revolutionary "focals" and "central committees." They are on the target list along with factories, railroads and some union headquarters.

In a superseding indictment to a 1970 one involving 13 young revolutionists, some 15 defendants were charged on Dec. 7 with conspiring to make and possess unregistered explosives and transport them across state lines "to destroy police installations and other civic, business and educational buildings through the country and kill or injure persons therein."

One of the 15, of course, is the "lad" Mark Rudd who has been urging Weathermen since a closed faction meeting with 12 other defendants in December 1969 to participate in bombings of police stations and banks, and to kill police to "further the revolution."

Swiftly, before my friend Harvard Prof. John Kenneth Galbraith, with whom I tangle over a microphone on occasion, scoffs from his awesome heights, it must be said that few seriously expect the revolution to roll or the government to topple. But blood may well flow. Even Nikolai Lenin in his time worried about infantile leftism.

There is positive, workmanlike scientific evidence of these plots, these urgings of assassination-- the use of "dope"-- to win comradeship in youthful communes and projects. The Justice Dept. says it can prove there are "central committees" of Weather people which have been assigned to New York, Chicago, Detroit and Berkeley to spot targets and direct bombings. The FBI therefore also has evidence of the central committees' direction of "focals"-- three- and four- man cells— to gather and use weapons, dynamite, fuses, detonating caps and other equipment to make explosives and incendiary bombs.

There are other forms of sabotage. The cementing of rail line switches, the clipping of C— 130 Army aircraft wires and hydraulic systems, or the sobotage of transport and munitions-- all in the drive to "demilitarize" American industry and the administration.

These "youngsters" mean it. They're tough revolutionists. They plan to live by the bomb. And they have died by the bomb in do-it- yourself underground explosive plants. If you doubt this, ask anyone who saw the remains of the fashionable Greenwich village townhouse which went skyward here on March 6, 1970. The bombs being made there were destined for many other sites.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Jack Anderson

JACK ANDERSON SAYS: Disarmament's a no-no

WASHINGTON — The Joint Chiefs of Staff have issued stern new orders to the military brass to keep quiet about disarmament.

It's the nature of generals and admirals to want more, not less arms. They have grumbled privately to the press, therefore, about the disarmament deal with the Russians.

Defense Secretary Mel Laird tried to silence the brass a year ago. Now the Joint Chiefs have followed up with a new admonition.

Last year, Laird finally issued written orders declaring: "I have repeatedly asked that there be no public commentary by Department of Defense officials on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks ... There is to be no public commentary on any aspect of SALT -- past, present or future. This guidance continues to apply to any remarks or statements which could reasonably find their way into public domain."

Last month, the Joint Chiefs put out a stiff reminder. "The Strategic Arms Limitations Talks," they radioed all commands, "must be regarded as particularly sensitive topics for public discussion by DOD personnel ...

"That phase of the talks commencing today (November 21) is not repeat not to receive comment or speculation in public in any manner or form."

Washington Whirl

Taxpayers' Gift -- The nation's top tax collectors have given themselves a Christmas present from the taxpayers. It is a spanking new $48,000 "senior" dining room, where top Internal Revenue officials and their guests will be able to gorge themselves for a base price of $1.75 per lunch. In a private memo, Assistant Commissioner Alvin Kelley explains happily: "This food will not come off the cafeteria serving line but will be catered from the outside to suit our needs." He is also exuberant over the dining room's design. "Particular care was taken," he writes, "to ensure that the design would offer an atmosphere which would be different from the rest of the building." For the unappreciative who may not care "to avail himself of the privilege of the Senior Dining Room," Kelley adds, "there is the Cafeteria." The Internal Revenue Service has now joined 12 other government agencies which cater to their top officials with exclusive dining rooms.

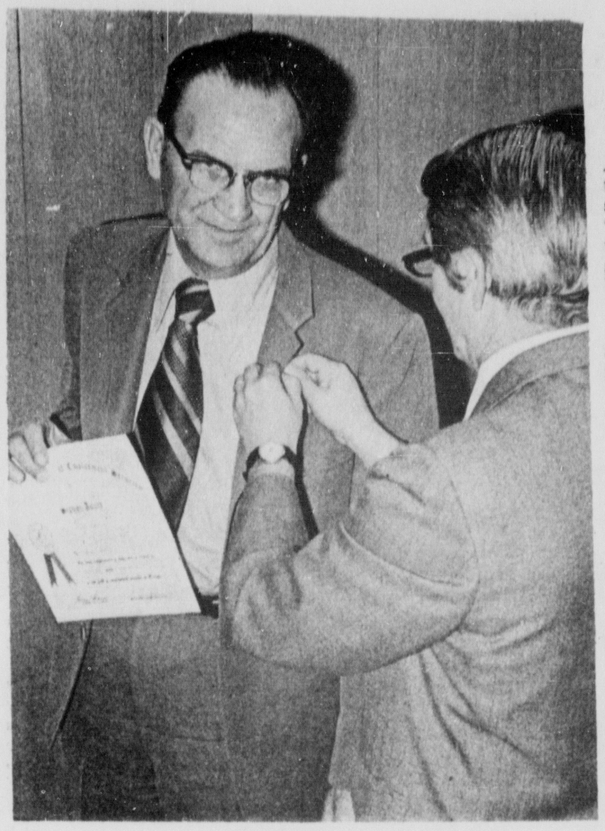
Pentagon Economy -- While Defense Secretary Mel Laird was preaching economy at the Pentagon, he hauled 180 guests to the Army - Navy football game last month at the taxpayer's expense. The Pentagon provided them with six train cars crammed with food, booze and set-ups, not to mention nine strolling musicians who offered mood music. The Pentagon potentates were greeted at the station by five government sedans and seven Navy buses, which shuttled them the three blocks to the stadium. The Navy laid out still another railroad coach for 45 bigwigs who weren't invited on the Laird caravan. They dined delicately on shrimp while riding the rails. The Army's guests, in contrast, had to foot their own transportation and food bills.

Jarman's Friends -- Few if any congressmen got more campaign evidence of how they are loved by the industries they help oversee then Rep. John Jarman, D-Okla., the House transportation chairman. Among his substantial contributors were officials of Southern Railway, United Airlines, Lee Way Motor Freight, H. J. Jeffries Truck Line, Humble Oil, Standard Oil of Ohio, the Association of Oil Pipe Lines, Trans International Airlines, Saturn Airways, World Airways, Overseas National Airways, Burlington Northern and numerous taxi companies.

Slow Mail -- The enterprising Baltimore News American found its mail running slower and slower. So the paper began a series of exhaustive spot mailings in the city and recorded arrival times for out-of-town mail. Some of the findings: City mail often took four days to go a few blocks; mail from the nearby city of Washington frequently moved at a rate of a third of a mile an hour; some "freak" pieces of mail took weeks, even months to be delivered. For 10 days, the newspaper reported these and other stories until the postal service capitulated and publicly promised reform. The paper is now quietly checking to see if the reforms are any more than New Year's resolutions. First test: A letter from New York City took more than five days to reach Baltimore, a matter of less than three hours by Metroliner.

Pampering the Pentagon -- Skyrocketing military costs consume 64 per cent of the controllable federal budget. Yet President Nixon's examiners, instead of working over the Pentagon budget with meat cleavers, treat it with loving tenderness. All civilian agencies are summoned to the White House for a budget review; the budget boys scrutinize each request for money and recommend cuts to the President. In the case of the military budget, however, they must go to the Pentagon. There, military officials assist the budget examiners in a "joint review." Once it is completed, the examiners can submit only those recommendations with which the Pentagon concurs. If there is disagreement, the budget agency must appeal to the President in a separate document. Result: The armed forces invariably get less scrutiny than the civilian agencies.

Surplus Sulphur -- the environmentalist Center for Science in the Public Interest has taken the Interior Department to task for planning $1.7 million outlay to bail out the sulphur industry. Interior wants to spend the money on research to find new uses for sulphur, which is now in surplus supply. In a letter to Interior Secretary Rogers Morton, the center said Morton should let well enough alone because as long as there is a surplus , the sulphur industry will have no reason to rip up the earth with sulphur wells.



Twenty-five years

Arland Foster, left, of 714 Lanning receives a 25-year pin and certificate for his service with the Missouri Employment Security office from office manager Dewitt Lambert. Foster joined the employment service in 1947.

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3 arrested

CHARLESTON— Three persons arrested Friday appeared in City Court this morning on public intoxication charges.

Bill D. Bonta, 40, and William Mannon, 21, both of East Prairie, each paid $28 fines. James Graham, 21, of Charleston paid a $27 fine.

4 placed on probation

BENTON — Daniel Adolph Dunn received a two-year suspended jail sentence in Circuit Court and was placed on probation for two years on a charge of stealing personal property belonging to H. R. Newton on Sept. 9.

Conditions of probation are that Dunn obey the law, remain under the supervision and regulation of a parole and probation officer, not visit taverns frequently or use intoxicating beverages.

Alan W. Slinkard of Chaffee pleaded guilty to charges of stealing personal property belonging to Joe Spencer on Aug. 15 and was placed on probation for two years.

Daniel Eugene Tippy was placed on probation for two years on a charge of stealing personal property from Sikeston R-6 School District on Sept. 14.

After entering a plea of guilty to charges of stealing personal property from Vanduser Gin Co. on Sept. 11, Thomas Lee Shannon of Sikeston was placed on probation for two years. Conditions of his probation include restitution of $20.

Trial was set for Feb. 12 for J. B. Hall. He is charged with forging a check by signing the name of Charles Terrell on July 7 at Barkett's Big Star for $113.14.

Dwain Boley, charged with assaulting Ray Parker on Aug. 15 with intent to kill, had William L. Ragland appointed as special judge to hear his case.

Case was continued until Jan. 11 for Albert Ray Jr. of Haywood City. He is charged with burglarizing a building belonging to James Ashcraft on Sept. 23.

Less Easter Couser of Kansas City was fined $135 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of driving 120 miles per hour in a 70 m.p.h. speed zone.

Case was set on Jan. 11 for Dannie Gene Ledford, charged with writing a bad check to Ladell Berkbegler for $20 on April 16.

Copters rescue part of crash survivors

SAN FERNANDO, Chile (AP) — Eight survivors of an October airplane crash today began their 70th day at the 12,000-foot level in the Andes Mountains, huddled together for warmth in the craft's broken fuselage.

Three mountain-survival experts — bringing food, clothing and medicine — joined them after helicopters rescued six other survivors.

Flight crews waited for clearing skies to resume the rescue mission in an area where clouds usually close high valleys by noon. The forecast was for some cloudiness but better conditions than prevailed the past three days, officials said.

Two Chilean air force helicopters lifted the first six out Friday morning from the wreckage of the Uruguayan air force plane that crashed Oct. 13 on the Argentine-Chilean border.

Their discovery came after two other survivors — both members of the Old Christians rugby team of Montevideo, Uruguay — gave up hope of being found and began walking out. After 10 days, they met a mountain shepherd who carried word to authorities that they and 14 others of the 45 persons aboard the plane had survived the crash, hunger, blizzards and avalanches.

Cesar Charlone, Uruguayan charge d'affaires, spoke to several of the survivors at a hospital in San Fernando, about 110 miles south of Santiago. They told him that 24 of the 45 lived through the crash but eight were buried alive by an avalanche several days later.

Doctors who examined the eight brought to San Fernando said they were "in surprisingly good condition ... but they have lost a lot of weight."

32 already dead

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traffic accidents around the nation claimed 32 lives in the early hours of the Christmas holiday weekend.

Fog and drizzle dampened roadways in much of the eastern half of the country and snow and freezing rain were scattered through the northcentral section.

The count of traffic deaths began at 6 p.m. local time Friday and will end at midnight Monday.

Extensive damage reported in Central American quake

Guatemala (AP) — A strong earthquake struck Managua, Nicaragua, early today, reportedly causing extensive damage in the center of that Central American city. First reports indicated there were many homeless, injured and dead.

All normal communications between Managua and the outside were cut by the quake which struck at 12:40 a.m. — 1:40 a.m. EST — but reports reaching Guatemala City from amateur radio operators in Managua indicated damage was very heavy and that Managua was without water and electricty.

Planes with relief supplies, medicine and doctors were being prepared in Guatemala, El Salvador and Venezuela, but one radio operator, transmitting from a mobile unit in the center of Managua, said the interruption in electrical service had put navigation equipment at the Managua airport out of operation.

Highways leading to Managua reportedly were closed, and the only means of transportation to the city was by helicopter.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department said its embassy in Managua had been destroyed, one-third of the city was in flames and most of the hospitals had been leveled.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said its information was based on a message from the Nicaraguan government.

One of the ham radio reports reaching Guatemala City said the Nicaraguan Central Bank an 18-story building, also was heavily damaged.

Tim Holt ill

SHAWNEE, Okla. (AP) — Tim Holt, former Western movie star, lies seriously ill in the Shawnee Medical Center suffering from bone cancer.

Holt - who rubbed elbows with John Wayne, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry during the height of his movie career in the 1930s and 40s - has been in the hospital for two weeks.

The 53-year- old- actor - who lives in Harrah, Okla., with his wife, Berdie - said his medical problems began around the first of August and that he has had a great deal of pain.

5 treated

Five accident patients were treated Friday in the emergency room of the Missouri Delta Community Hospital.

Dawn Hammond, 2, of Sikeston cut tongue playing; Steve Cantrell, 6, of Sikeston, cut chin in fall running; Ronald McNaulty, 25, of Essex fractured right arm and received multiple scratches and bruises in car accident; Cheryl Lynn, 14, of Oran sprained right wrist in fall skating; and Eva Ogden, 56, of East Prairie fractured right shoulder in car accident.

Increased fuel production asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Office of Emergency Preparedness has asked petroleum refineries to use maximum capacity for producing heating oil to ease the midwestern fuel shortage.

"Our over-all objective at state and federal levels is to assure that no home is cold and that industry and farm fuel requirements are full," said OEP director George A. Lincoln Friday.

Lincoln said OEP has received only scattered reports of heating oil shortages but propane for crop drying continues extremely tight throughout the midwest.

The fuel problems in the midwest stem from a combination of late harvest, wet weather, a long early cold spell and low inventories of heating fuels.

Christmas Message A Special Meaning

By REV. DAVID POLING

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:13, 14.

The Christmas message heralded so long ago in Bethlehem has a special meaning for the whole world this year. We stand at the threshold of a new political arrangement in Southeast Asia. We sense the coming cease-fire, the reduction of hostilities, the closing of open warfare. Peace is the word and with it comes hope. Our country has been so torn by war and the policies of killing that the Christmas message of peace, good will toward men has caught in our throats for nearly a decade.

Christmas 1972 gathers the hopes and yearnings of millions of people, for there is no better word than peace and that is why those first heavenly messengers used it with the coming of Christ.

The New Testament saw peace and its meaning in a broader understanding than the cessation of hostilities. For them it meant reconciliation between God and man, the coming of Jesus being the sign of God's love toward the whole world. Peace also contained, in biblical terms, a new relation between men. To be reconciled to God was fulfilled in your forgiveness and acceptance of your neighbor. Christians believe that Jesus Christ was the Peacemaker, serving the divine and human needs that always thrive on love and forgiveness.

Christmas 1972 will test every aspect of the angel's announcement. *The obvious need for peace overseas must not distract us from the same demands at home.* The controversies over the Vietnam war have piled havoc and hopelessness upon thousands of domestic victims, casualties of conscience and dissent.

There are three groups that need special attention, for they have carried special burdens as a result of our foreign policy.

1. **The returning servicemen.** Thousands upon thousands of young men have faced major disruptions in their normal life. Too many of these men have come back from overseas, cynical about society, tempted by drugs, and crushed by unemployment. They deserve and must have the high priority of government, educational, and religious groups to find their full life and their rightful place in this society. And that should be happening right now.

2. **The returning civilians.** Some experts claim that as many as 100,000 young men of draft age have left this country (or gone underground within the country) rather than participate in the destruction of Vietnam. Several thousand chose prison sentences instead of military service. Reconciliation must be offered here if we are serious about the word of peace at home. Amnesty *can* be a responsible act for a government to offer its own citizens. Many young men would accept the terms of domestic service to their country, perhaps for the same period that would have been claimed in military assignment. A thoughtful, concerned administration will find a solution to this heartache.

3. **The dissenters.** There have been men and women that took courageous stands against the war and suffered abuse and slander from may sides. Leaders like the Berrigan brothers, William Stringfellow, Bill Coffin carried the burden of protest and carried it with nerve and intelligence. The imprisonment of the Berrigans was not a bright moment in American history. The release of Father Philip Berrigan (brother Dan was released earlier this year) by the U.S. Parole Board is one of the great announcements of this Advent Season and reflects leadership of President Nixon in a most creative way. Good will may be the greatest gift of all.

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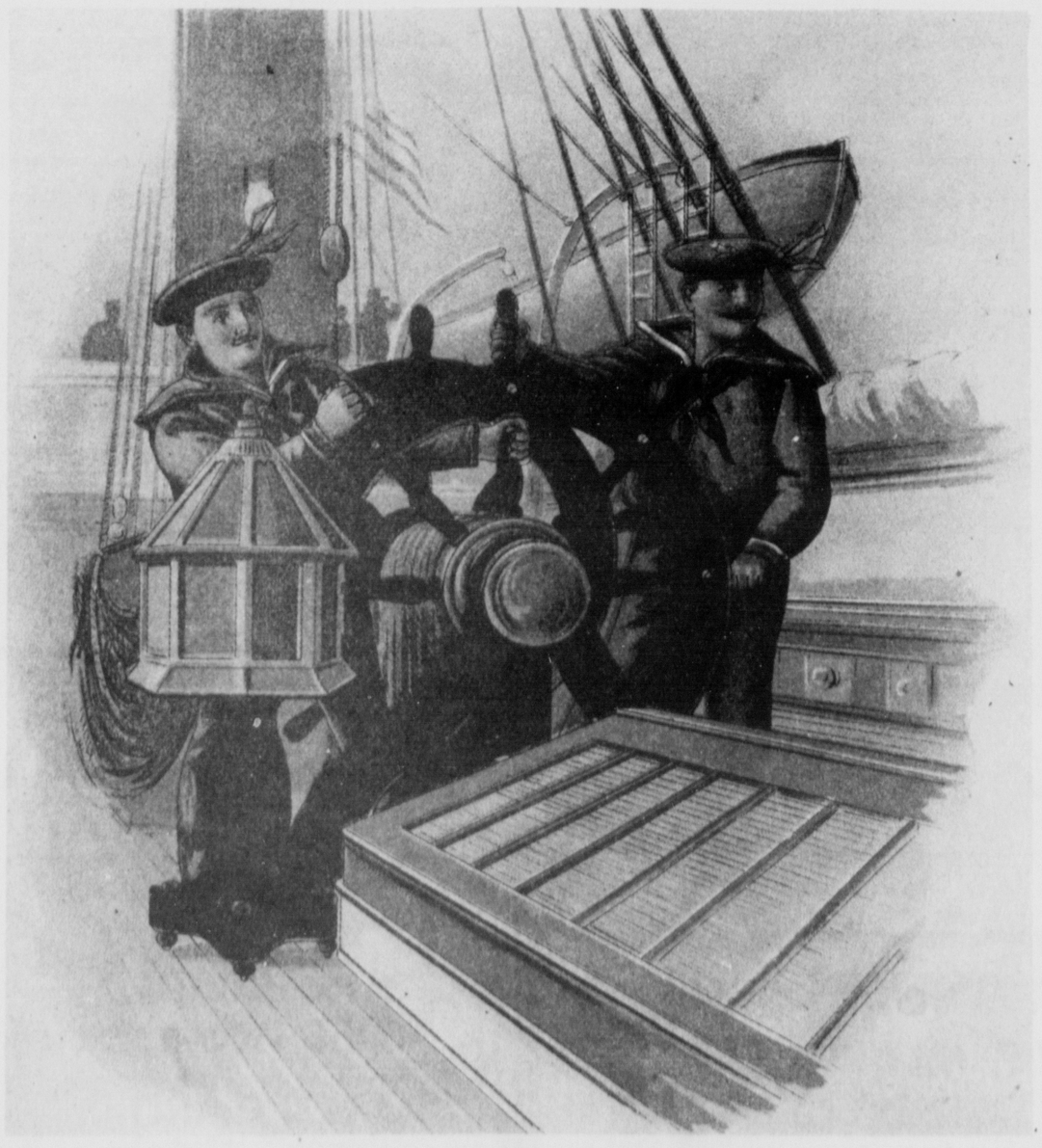

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Engagements

Morrow-Kain

Sandra K. Morrow

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Morrow of Bertrand announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Sandra Kay to Fredric Charles Kain Jr., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, 508 Malcolm.

Miss Morrow, a graduate of Charleston High School, attended Southeast Missouri State University at Cape Girardeau and is employed by Malone & Hyde, Inc. in Sikeston.

Kain is a graduate of Sikeston High School, attended Southeast Missouri State University and is employed by SeMo Broadcasting Corp. of Sikeston.

Wedding plans are indefinite.

McMullin-BorgsMiller

Peggy McMullin

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McMullin, 519 Vernon St., announce the engagement of their daughter Peggy to Stephen J. Borgsmiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert J. Borgsmiller of Murphysboro, Ill.

Miss McMullin, a 1971 graduatee of Sikeston High School, is attending Brown's Office Training School in Cape Girardeau where she is studying secretarial practice.

Borgsmiller is a 1972 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau where he received his bachelor of science degree in secondary education and is now working towards a masters degree in secondary education administration.

The couple has chosen April 28 for the wedding date.

Doggett— Blumenshine

Laura Doggett

Dr. and Mrs. John L. Doggett, 801 North Kingshighway, announce the engagement of their daughter Laura to Dennis Blumenshine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blumenshine of Laramie, Wyo.

Miss Doggett is a 1971 graduate of Sikeston High School and a student at University of Wyoming in Laramie. Blumenshine graduated from University High School in Laramie and is also a student at the university.

Wedding plans are indefinite.

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Meeting & Things

FRIDAY

The annual Shady Deal Dance for college students and guests will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall in Sikeston. Tickets will be available at the door.

Cat lovers speak out.....again!

Ann Landers

Ann Landers Sat. Dec. 23

Dear Ann Landers: I'll bet you've already heard more than you care to from cat-lovers and dog- haters. May I have the last word?

The nerve of that person saying: "All cat- haters are vicious, mean and underhanded. I have never met a cat- hater who wasn't a scoundrel."

Have you ever been awakened in the dead of night by that awful howling of a cat during full moon? It's enough to make your hair stand on end. On the other hand, do you know what it is to awaken to the lovely melody of a mockinbird or a red- winged blackbird or even a common sparrow? Have you ever fed these lovely creatures and seen them become so tame they would sit on your shoulder and eat out of your hand? They harm no one, only help to keep trees and bushes free of insects.

Cats. What do THEY do? They rip hosiery and draperies and furniture. But worse yet, have you ever gone out into the yard and found the tiny head, or a wing and the feet of a little bird-- all that was left of him? Of course it was the cat who did the dirty work.

Cats DO have a place-- in a barn, with the rats.--- J.K.M. & Friends.

Dear J.K.M.: Take that and that and that all you cat lovers-- and now the score is Lions 0-- Christians 10!

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have a good marriage. I am not the jealous type and so far as I know Denny has never been unfaithful. We have been married less than three years.

Recently Denny want to Buffalo on business. His boss accompanied him at the last minute. Denny and I are very friendly with a couple in Buffalo. The wife met Denny at the airport. She's an attractive gal and the boss assumed she was his "out- of-town mistress." Denny thought it was highly amusing and didn't bother to set him straight. He seems pleased that his boss now thinks he's a womanizer.

When Denny related the incident to me I was very hurt. I feel this is a serious reflection on me and I am not sure I could ever socialize with his boss and his wife again.

Am I making too much of it? I hate feeling foolish, but I don't like being depressed either.--- Troubled Mind

Dear T.M.: He who excuses himself accuses himself. Your husband was smart not to go out of his way to describe the woman as a friend of the family, etc. You cannot read the boss's mind-- and neither can your husband. I'll bet he's got the picture straighter than you think. My advice is to forget it.

Dear Ann Landers: When you read this letter you'll probably say, "A seventeen-year- old kid who doesn't have anything more to worry about is pretty lucky." But my problem is bugging me like crazy. I can't grow sideburns.

I've been trying to shave for two years but there's hardly anything to take off. The only spot on my face that really grows hair is my chin. I envy the guys with bushy mutton-chops. Some dudes my age even have beards. Is there anything I can do to help things along, like maybe take shots or pills? Once a woman wrote to you about a certain medication that made hair grow on her face. Maybe I should be taking it. I need advice.--- Hairless

Dear Hairless: Accept the fact that some guys just can't grow sideburns and you're one of them. This whole hairy scene is a fad and it will pass. When it does, you'll be one of the lucky guys who won't have to spend much time shaving.

Got those wedding bell blues over costs. . . guests list. . . what to wear. . . and other details; Ann Landers' completely new "The Bride's Guide" will help. For a copy, send a dollar bill, plus a long, self- addressed, stamped envelope (16c postage) to Ann Landers, Box 3346, Chicago, Ill. 60654.

New Babies

BOEHME-- Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Boehme of Sikeston are parents of their third son, born Dec. 19 at 4:49 p.m. at Missouri Delta Community Hospital. He weighed six pounds eight and one- half ounces and has been named Reinhold Oliver.

Mrs. Boehme is the former Maxine Bondi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bondi of St. Louis, and Boehme is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reinbold Boehme of St. Louis. He is an electrician.

Sikeston Calendar —

Dec. 26 through Dec. 30 — Bloomfield Tournament for basketball players.

Love is . . .

. . . opening the letter he wrote first.

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'The Snowman and the Angel'

A musical play, "The Snowman and the Angel", was presented Thursday at 10 a.m. at Lee Hunter Elementary School under the direction of Mrs. William F. Sikes. Members of the cast, from left, are Gary Grojean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theon Grojean, and Diedre Mackay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry, who sang solos; Vincent Dupont, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jean Dupont, the snowman; Diane Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, the angel; and narrators Patty Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Bailey, and Mike Carmody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Carmody. All 570 children sang in the school's program.

New Madrid Community Calendar

SUNDAY

Christmas candle light services will be held at 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in New Madrid and at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Kewanee.

MONDAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM NADINE AND BUDDY.

TUESDAY

Special city election in Marston for proposed annexation of 16 tracts. Voters may cast ballots from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the city hall.

TUESDAY

Chapter 293, Order of Eastern Star, meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic temple.

WEDNESDAY

Jaycees meet at 8 p.m. at the Jaycee building, 710 Riley St.

THURSDAY

American Legion meets at 7:30 p.m. at the veterans building, Highway 61 North.

Bell City calendar

Schools in Bell City will be dismissed during the period from Dec. 25 to Jan. 5.

During the vacation, however, the basketball team will play in the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament.

Animals to clinic

Heather Kay Williams, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Williams, president of Sikeston Jaycee Wives, is helping her mother present stuffed animals to Ron Steinmetz, director of social work for Sikeston Regional Diagnostic Clinic. The Jaycees Wives made 52 animals to be given to children as Christmas gifts.

Couple graduates

ROLLA- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen Dumay received degrees from University of Missouri—Rolla during winter commencement exercises last Sunday.

Dumay, a graduate of Sikeston High School, received his masters degree in engineering management. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dumay of Sikeston.

Mrs. Dumay is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy and Meramac Community College. She receiver her bachelor of science degree in computer science. She is the former Jude Lorrane Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Allan Davis Jr. of Chesterfield.

Dumay is employed by Wilson Concrete Company at Wright City.

SOBER WORDS

HOUSTON (AP) — Author Vance Packard says a breakdown in community living and an increase in loneliness are America's chief ills.

Packard says he believes the great mobility of American society is the cause for social and psychological isolation that he sees among people today.

Among young people he finds an "inverse status-seeking by raggedness," and an "anti-achievement attitude" that rejects their parents' goal of economic success.

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Hospital Notes

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY
Census Report 12-23-72

Area	Total Beds	Patients	Reserved Emer. Beds	Gen. Adm. Beds
Med.- Surg.	114	66	6	42
Pediatrics	29	8	0	21
Obstetrics	14	9	0	5
Intensive Care	7	5	0	2

Patients Scheduled for Admission Today: NONE

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY
Released: 12-22-72
Evelyn Williams, New Madrid
Jamy Floyd, Sikeston
Esther Gillispie, Charleston
Gordon Tomkin, East Prairie
Frances Lewis, Sikeston
Ella Austin, Charleston
Francis Thompson, Sikeston
Ben Bruenderman, Charleston
Elizabeth Peterson, East Prairie
Ludie Pendergrass, East Prairie
Mrs. Lena C. Beavers & Baby B., Sikeston
Antonio Mareno, East Prairie
Emma H. Moodie, Spokane; Wash.
Howard H. Caudell, Benton
Kenny Vinson, Sikeston

Total Patients Discharged: 16
Total Patients Admitted: 13
Births: 3

EMERGENCY DEPT.
Accident Patients: 5
Medical Patients: 17
Others: 8
Total Emer. Patients: 30

PEMISCOT MEMORIAL
Admitted:
Jewlane Bunken, Hayti
Nathen Hollam, Hayti
James Harris, Hayti
Flossie Odom, Caruthersville
Elma Street, Caruthersville
Inda Amis, Caruthersville
Sue Bonnie, Portageville
May Burns, Steele
Jerry Summers, Steele
Released:
Irene Ballard & Baby G., Hayti
Bonnie Jenning, Hayti
Hattie Whitman, Caruthersville
J.D. Boyd, Caruthersville
James Weaver, Caruthersville
James Clark, Caruthersville
William Floyd, Caruthersville
Juanita Hooks, Caruthersville
James Brewer, Caruthersville
Lucy Whitman, Caruthersville
Billy Garris, Portageville
Jerry Wood, Portageville
Terry Woods, Portageville

DEXTER HOSPITAL
Admitted:
Lou Belle Oliver, Parma
Roy D. Williams, Advance
Mary Lee, Advance
Lucille Bennett, Dexter
Maude Brown, Dexter
Released:
Jackie Foster, Puxico
Joyce Ledbetter, Dexter
Bill Flowers, Dexter
Doris Kerstner, Dexter
Lee Rankin, Bloomfield
Lula Woods, Dexter
Rilla May, Dexter
Ira Wilson, Dexter
Claude Davis, Gray Ridge

Warm ocean currents keep much of Norway's climate mild.

Since snakes grow steadily, they are obliged to change their tight and hampering skin.

Magic Mountain at Londonderry, Vt., has a two-mile double chair lift for skiers.

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Jaycees ready toys

NEW MADRID JAYCEES prepare to distribute toys valued at over $1,500 to needy children in their annual Christmas project. Local 27 International Brotherhood of Boilermakers of St. Louis contributed $1,000 cash for the project and the Jaycees repaired many donated toys. From left are Dick St. Mary Jr., Bob Pulliam, Cloyce Poore and Jim Cravens.

At some yule parties, we'd gladly see the old custom of having the bore's head brought in on a platter.

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A Santa clause is what you forgot to read when you took out that time payment on a fur coat for the frau.

What happens to you if your business partner dies?

Shouldn't your partnership have a "buy-and-sell" agreement, using the proceeds of Metropolitan Life insurance, to assure orderly reorganization if a partner dies?

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SIKESTON,MO.
472-0194

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Santa and his family

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Tyrone of 409 Edmondson displays a candy cane with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and their elves in front of their home. Other colorful lights decorate the doorway and the front window at the home.

(Daily Standard Photo)

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Teresa Evans and I'm 2 months old.
For Christmas I want a doll and some clothes and anything else you would like to bring me.
Don't forget all of my grannie's and my papa, aunts, and uncles, cousin, and my mommy and daddy.
Love
Teresa Evans

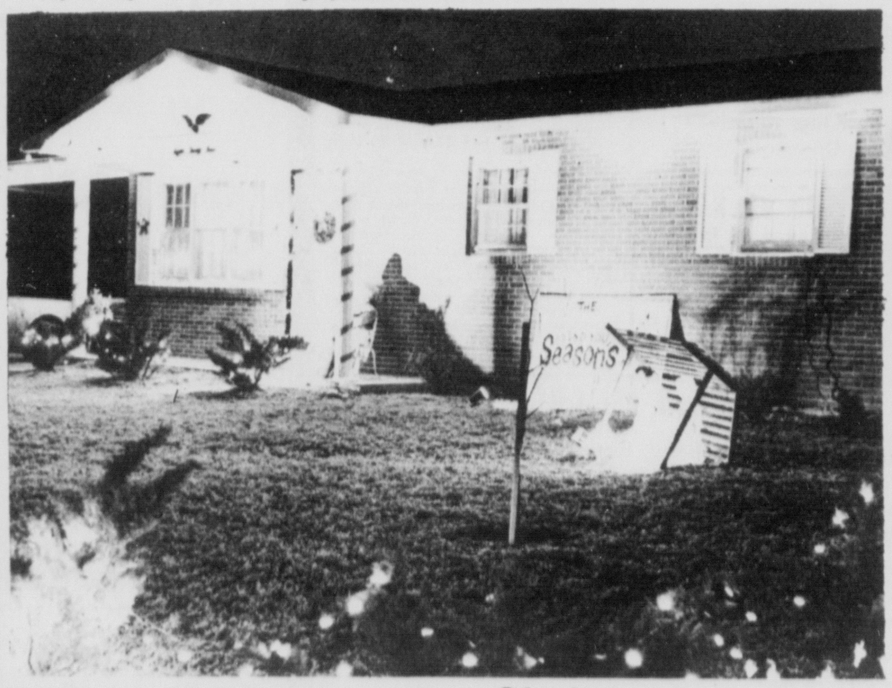
Dear Santa:
My name is Billy James Jr. I am 15 months old.
For Christmas I would like a Fisher Price Barn, a Train and combine like my Daddy's, and anything else you think I would like.
Remember Mom and Dad and all my cousins and friends.
Love, Billy
P.S. My Mommy will probably have cookies and hot chocolate for you. Bye for now.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Cerise Jones. I am in the first grade at Vanduser. I want 3 butter knives, 3 plates, 3 cups, 3 forks, 3 spoons, a table and 2 chairs, a easy bake oven and a doll.
Jove,
Cerise Jones
P/S I have been good!

Dear Santa,
My name is Joey Cossey and I am 2 years old. I have been good this year.
For Christmas I want a wagon, a inch worm and a whole bunch of clothes and anything else you would like to bring me.
Please don't forget all of my sisters and brother- in- law and my momey and daddy.
Love
Joey Cossey

The Prayer from the upper room

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
PRAYER: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, teach us to give freely and wisely, as You gave to us in the gift of Jesus, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.



All lit up for Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chaney 834 Cambridge have lighted the entire house. A small manger display with seasons greetings and twinkle light surround the entire front yard with christmas decorations. (Daily Standard Photos by Bill Hampton Jr.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope Santa's got you on his list for all the good things of the season! Best wishes from

La Petite Shop

DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

Remember, if Santa made a mistake you may make exchanges. Tuesday & Wednesday are exchange days.

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Looking Back

Sikeston light sends costly Christmas gift

50 years ago
December 23, 1922

Mrs. Anna Jacobs of Perth, Kas., who has been the guest of Mrs. J.H. Kready, will remain until after the Christmas holidays.

Miss Elsa Smart left Monday for Hazen, Ark., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Smart.

W.H. Sutton and family of near Matthews were up looking after Santa Claus Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Weber and daughter of St. Louis were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Derris and family for the past few days.

40 years ago
December 23, 1932

Funeral services were held at the Welsh Funeral Parlow Wednesday for Louis Ellis, 26- year- old son of Mrs. Sallie Ellis of this city.

Thus was swift, sure justice in its most elemental form, meted out to the ex- convict romeo who deliberately shot and killed Connie Reed, local garage man, and wounded Gid Daniels, night marshal, in a gun battle for freedom early Tuesday, December 13. Seven days later, his relatives were making plans for his funeral. Lewellyn J. Hunter shot it out with the law as he said he would on a farm near Jackson, Tenn., but the law won in this case, the "law" assumed the person of a former friend to whom he had sent word that he would not be taken alive.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lair of Sikeston, a daughter, Thursday at Southeast Missouri Hospitml. She is their second daughter. Lair is connected with the State Highway Department.

30 years ago
December 23, 1942

Morehouse-- Tony Caldwell, mayor of Morehouse, left Saturday for Sedalia, where he entered training for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He will be succeeded as mayor by Bill Dillon. Mrs. Caldwell and daughter, Wilma Ruth, will continue to live here for the present.

Mrs. Ann LaPlant, 22- year- old wife of Burnell LaPlant, New Madrid county farmer, was injured fatally and four others hurt in an automobile crash Monday at a romd intersection at LaForge.

Sikeston's municipal light plant is wrapping a $8,912.08 Christmas present for delivery to its residential and business consumers. Supt. Charles Moose disclosed Tuesday that bills for the period November 17- December 17 were being sent patrons stamped paid.

Approximatley 125 Scott Countians today had been given a pre- Christmas induction into the Army at Jefferson Barracks. The men leaving Tuesday from Sikeston were: Jesse Lee Carroll, William Lee Spencer, Ross N. Alsup, Jack Matthews, jr., John B. McFall, Z.W. Killgore, Clyde C. Shelby, Stamson Dye, Alfred J. Cutrell, Earl H. Scott, Edwin C. Vinson, L.D. Huntington, Arthur O. Bruce, Herbert M. Evans, Otis Couch, Milford G. Winders, Marcellus H. Struwe, and Lyndal A. Miller.

These Sikeston men enlisted prior to induction: Robert E. Boyanovsky, Clifford E. Jones, Ralph C. Barnes, Jerome Johnson, Roy F. Collins, Roy L. Pratt, Van Strickland, John H. Bohannon, Russell L. Walker, Alvy G. Dickson, John Bagwell, jr., Ira Shuffitt, Willie Heath, J.C. Dover, Raymond A. Page, jr., George W. Freeman, Kirk C. McCoy, Denver E. Matlock, Hansel C. Duncan, Harvey L. Sizemore, jr., Ray Rister, Tom Bloomfield, James F. Beal, jr. Billy F. Orr, Elmer Bennett, and Carl Powers.

20 years ago
December 23, 1
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Malcolm Hy Monan, 44, died today in the Delta Community Hospital. Mr. Monan was the proprietor of the cafe at the South Side Service Station.

Vanduser- William C. Chronister, 73, a retired farmer, died today at his home.

The Bulldogs did it again this time they lost to Oran by the score of 40- 3? in a very slow game last night.

The local beanery now serves liquor. The food's no better, but you don't mind it as much.

Body plumbing stars on TV

NEW YORK (AP) — Television series have been based on some mighty unlikely themes. But a series on the body's plumbing? Don't laugh. Filming is under way and the first show stars a heart.

The half-hour program, "I Am Joe's Heart," was adapted from the first of 21 popular medical articles that have been appearing in the Reader's Digest since 1967.

Each article explained in laymen's terms one aspect of how our bodies work. And that's what the television series hopes to do with a blend of live action and three-dimensional animation.

Two other programs — "I Am Joe's Spine" and "I Am Joe's Stomach" — now are being readied by NicholsonMuir Productions of Larchmont, N.Y., which Reader's Digest hired to produce the series.

The opening show concerns a mythical, typical 42-year-old man. Humorist Henry Morgan is involved as sort of an announcer of the aorta; he's the off-screen "voice" of Joe's heart.

Other specialists from show business have been called in for the series. John Forsythe will speak for Joe's stomach — hopefully he won't growl much — and Burgess Meredith will describe the play-by-play at Joe's spine.

Medical specialists also will be consulted as each program inspects the interior and exterior of humans. The syndicated series starts appearing in 50 major cities next month.

Are there certain body areas that may be taboo for television?

"Well, I thought so at first," said Roger Muir, co-producer of the show. "Not all the articles in the original series are about Joe. Some are about the female body, articles like 'I Am Jane's Breasts' or 'I Am Jane's Ovaries.'

"But when I talked to some of the network people, they said 'when you get to these women's subjects we would be most interested.' Possibly they ould show them as daytime specials for women."

Yorty tries acting role

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mayor Sam Yorty has turned actor for a bit part in a movie being filmed for television. But the job did not call for him to memorize any lines.

Yorty was hired to play a role he is familiar with - the mayor of a large U. S. city - and one which is selected as the site of a beauty pageant.

On the set of "The Great American Beauty Contest" at a hotel Friday, the mayor said of his work: "I do it every once in a while. It's nothing new."

Then he took his place before the cameras and ad -libbed responses as girls playing- beauty contestants were introduced by actor Robert Cummings.

"They all look good," he said of the cast when the filming was over.

Yorty recently appeared in a segment of the Lucille Ball television series.

"Beauty Contest," is scheduled for release in February on ABC.

New Dun Co. welfare boss named

KENNETT— Dunklin County's welfare director, Troy Pogue, is leaving his post after four months to accept the position of district supervisor in the northwest section of the state.

Pogue, who was assigned to the county post in August to fill a vacancy left by former director Harold Edwards, who was promoted, has been with the Missouri Division of Welfare for five years.

Carlton Ewbank, presently director of welfare in Dent County at Salem, has been named new county director here.

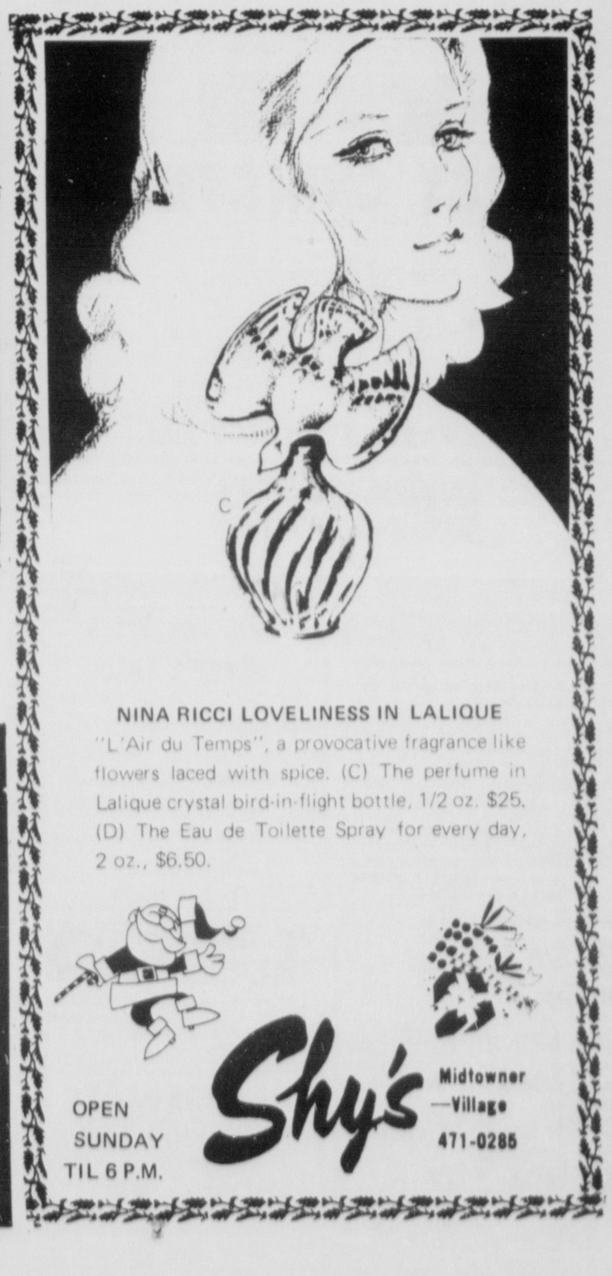
Ewbank, who has been with the Missouri Division of Welfare nine years, started with the welfare department in Ozark County before accepting his present post in Salem, in the lead- mining region near Rolla.

Ewbank and his wife Doris have three children, all grown. His son Carlton Jr., is station manager at Radio Station KSOZ at Point Lookout; another son, John, is in the Navy stationed in the Phillippines; and a daughter, Rebecca, is employed by the Shannon County welfare office.

Ewbank will assume his new post Dec. 27. He is presently house- hunting in the Kennett area.

Pogue's promotion will take him to Kirksville, where he will supervise welfare activities for an eight- county area.

Our perpetually broke gal fancier is a loan wolf.



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Santa and the ICE KING

by Lucrece Beale

SYNOPSIS: Santa and Oonik have found the Ice King a perfect mate in the Ice Queen of the South. The Ice King immediately asked the Ice Queen to come with him to the North. But she said she couldn't leave in the middle of the Southern Hemisphere winter. Then Santa pointed out that the Ice King wasn't needed in the North, because it should be summer there.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

They all shouted "Merry Christmas!" as Oonik sped home.

The Ice King looked sheepish. "You are right," he said. "I had forgotten it's August and supposed to be summertime in Northern lands. I'm not needed there at all."

"So," said Santa, "you and the Ice Queen can stay here and make winter for the South Pole lands. Then, in December, when it's summertime at the bottom of the world, you and the Queen can come North and make winter at the top of the world."

"How wonderful!" exclaimed the Queen. "That way we'll always be together!"

"And we'll be able to make winter all year 'round," said the King happily.

"And no one will hate you," said Santa, "because everyone will have warm weather for half the year."

Oonik could hold himself in no longer. "Hooray!" he shouted, jumping up and down. "Everything is settled. Let's hurry home and tell my people the news."

"They already know," said Santa, "for the Ice King has already been some days away from his job. But you are right, and I, too, must hurry back to my shops for I've a whole year's work ahead of me and the summer, if it has come, is almost gone."

The Ice King laughed. "Don't worry," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if we're very slow coming up from our honeymoon and winter will have a late start this year in Eskimo land."

Santa and Oonik and Keotuk got on the sled but the polar bear wouldn't get on. He stood between the Ice King and the Ice Queen and refused to be coaxed away.

"Leave him here," said the Queen and King. "We three will rule the winters together."

So Oonik and Santa left them there and headed back for Santa Land. When they arrived they found that, sure enough, the snow had already begun to melt and the frozen sea had broken up.

The fairy land workers rushed out to greet them. "You did it!" cried crooked-legged Tweedleknees. "You conquered the Ice King!"

"Not conquered," said Santa with a smile. "We just made friends with him."

Mrs. Claus came running from the house. "Oh, Santa," she cried. "My rheumatism is all gone. And guess what? I saw birds yesterday — flying up from the South! Oh, summer is really here!" She caught Oonik up in an embrace. "You poor hungry boy — you come right in and I'll fix you some gingerbread men."

But, Oonik remembered the gingerbread he had had on the trip and he said, "Thank you but I must be on my way. My people will be starting for their summer hunting grounds and I must be there to help them."

"Ha!" scoffed Tweedleknees while Santa disappeared into the toy shop. "How will you get home? The ice on the sea is broken up and your sled will do you no good."

Oonik had really thought Santa would take him home so now he was crestfallen and worried.

Tweedleknees slapped him on the back. "Cheer up!" he shouted gleefully. "I have made you a boat!"

Then he took Oonik to the water's edge and showed him a kayak — the strongest, tightest, most beautiful kayak any Eskimo ever had. It had two holes in its seal skin top. Oonik fitted himself into one hole and Keotuk fitted into the other.

"Don't forget the paddle," called Santa running down from the shop. "It's a very special paddle for a very special boy. Stroke but once and it will carry you across the widdest sea."

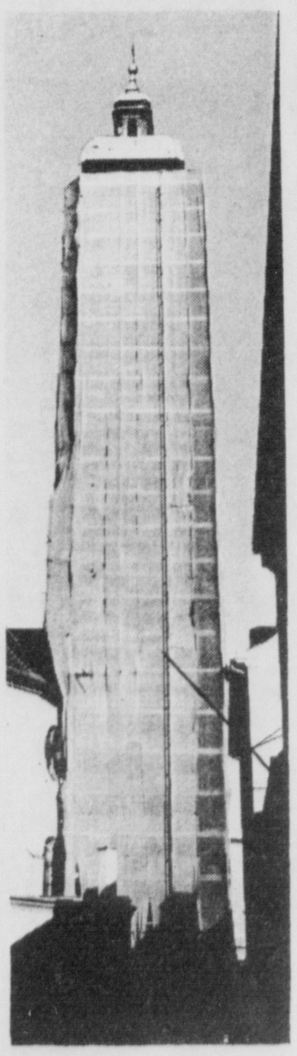
Oonik reached up for the paddle and his whole face shone with astonished pleasure.

"Why it's — it's just like Christmas!" he exclaimed.

"And why not!" smiled Santa. "It's been a cold, cold summer!"

Then he and Tweedleknees and Mrs. Claus and all the Santa folk cried "Merry Christmas!" Oonik shouted "Merry Christmas to all!" and gave one push with his paddle and sped home across the summer sea.

(The End)



MUNICH'S ANSWER to the skyscraper world is this steeple of the Church of the Holy Spirit. It's "wrapped up" for a renovation job.

Some yule strings remain lighted when one bulb burns out; on ours, all but one bulb goes out.

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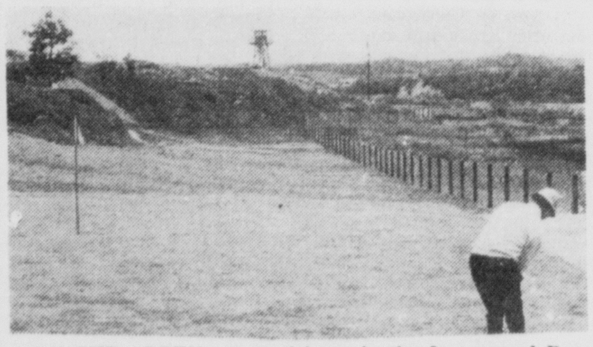
About the only folk who don't want a train for Christmas seem to be the Amtrak crowd.



ON THE GREEN—A participant in the first annual Panmunjon Open golf championship tournament chips back to the green at the new one-hole, four-tee course at the U.S. Army Support Group, Joint Security Area, Advance Camp, just south of Korea's demilitarized zone. The course features four elevated tees at various lengths from the only green. Also included are some real bunkers, trenches and guard towers. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Miguel Quiroga)

4. Notices

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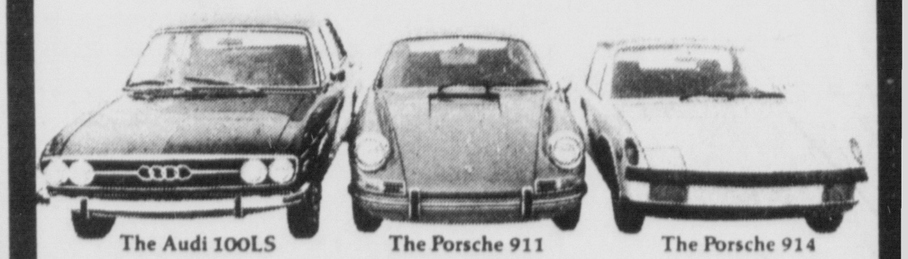

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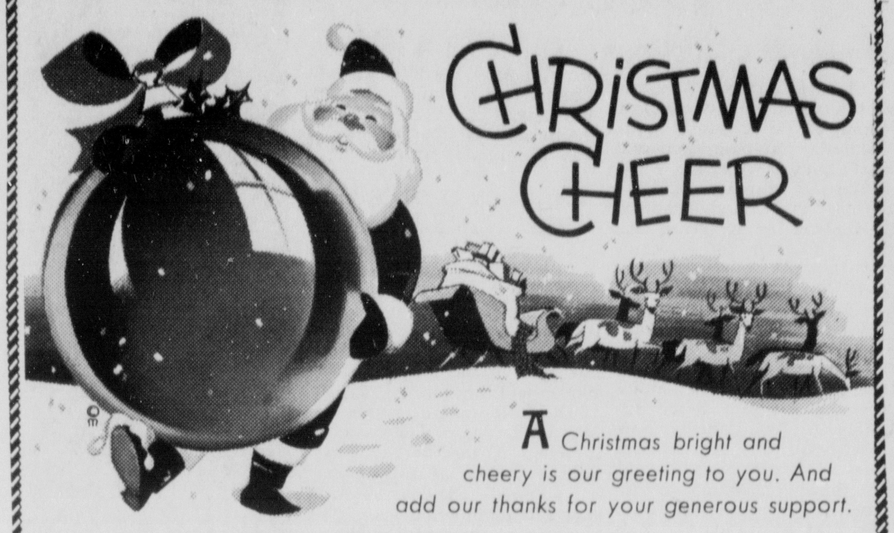

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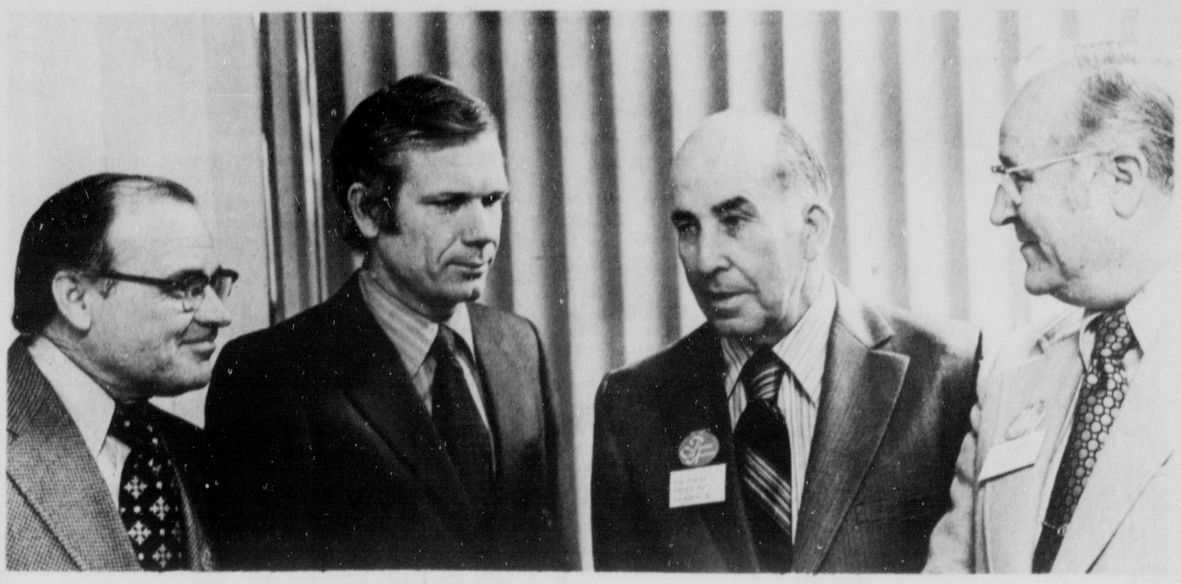

Farm financing is discussed

U.S. Rep. Bill D. Burlison of Cape Girardeau, second from left, talks with Southeast Missourians after a panel session at a two- day farm- credit conference in Columbia. Pictured, left to right, are Herbert Rone of Portageville, chairman of Caruthersville Production Credit Association board of directors; Burlison; Paul Bradley of New Madrid, chairman of the Sikeston PCA board; and T. R. McGuire of St. Louis, president of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank.

Burlison explains farm legislation

COLUMBIA — Agricultural representation has been dwindling rapidly due to the major growth centered around large cities in recent years, Rep. Bill D. Burlison of Cape Girardeau told farm leaders here recently at a two- day conference of Production Credit Association directors.

Legislation for farmers is now in the hands of a few rural legislators, Burlison said. The present six- year farm bill will expire after this next year and congress will be faced with reshaping a new farm bill. These changes may be of major importance to all farmers, Burlison said.

During the two- day conference, farm leaders discussed opportunities for farmers under the new Farm Credit Act of 1971. They also heard reports on the current status of tax legislation. Regulations and policies of the Farm Credit Act, electronic data processing on farm records and reports from district advisory committees.

Cotton, soybean seed indicated as scarce

By THOMAS A. BROWN, JR.
Area Agronomy Specialist

Indications are that cotton and soybean seed for planting next year's crop will be scarce next spring. Consequently, it would behoove farmers to stay on the alert for good seed of these crops and make arrangements for next year's planting seed as soon as good seed of the desired varieties can be found.

Of course, the weather has been everything but favorable for crop harvest in this area this fall. Consequently, many farmers are wondering where they will be able to obtain good seed for planting their cotton and soybean crops next spring. Unfortunately, indications are that much of the area from which we obtain most of our cotton and soybean seed has also experienced unfavorable weather since crop harvest began. Surprisingly, quite a bit of good soybean seed has been harvested in this area; therefore, many farmers will probably be able to obtain their seed supplies locally.

It will be more important than usual that a farmer know how seed from which he obtains his supply was produced and handled. This is always advisable so that good seed of known origin that is as free of weeds and crop diseases as possible is obtained. Much of the cotton and soybeans were harvested at moisture levels this fall that would normally be considered prohibitive. Soybeans were combined in almost any manner by which beans could be harvested. This was not always conducive to good seed quality. In many cases beans were dried by means of heated air, using levels of heat that could be expected to damage the germination of the seed. When heated air is used for drying seed, the drying temperature usually should not exceed 110 degrees. In some cases where beans were saved for seed, the beans were not dried to moisture levels sufficiently low for safe, long-term storage. For safe, long-term storage, the moisture content of soybeans should not exceed 11 per cent.

Having seed tested prior to planting next spring will be more important than usual. A seed test may be obtained free at either the Seed Testing Laboratory, Department of Field Crops, 108 Waters Hall, Columbia, Mo. or the State Seed Testing Laboratory, Department of Agriculture, Jefferson City, Mo.

Cotton and soybean seed will be tested at both laboratories only during the January- through- April period. It is important that a good sample be sent to the laboratory. Small samples should be taken from several different locations at various depths throughout the seed lot and mixed thoroughly into one composite sample of at least one quart in size for cotton and soybeans.

The sample should be clearly marked as to the name and address of the farmer, the seed lot from which it came, and the kind of test desired. If a purity test is desired, the sample must be from recleaned seed.

Trashy samples will be tested for germination only. Samples should be mailed in a strong container that is not likely to be broken in the mail. Farmers are advised to send seed samples to these laboratories well in advance of planting time as a few weeks will be required to test the seed and get the results back to the farmer.

Winter runoff can carry tons

By DON BENEFIELD
Soil Conservation Technician

An unprotected field in the winter with nine to 15 per cent slopes can have a soil loss of up to eight tons per acre. If a field is fall plowed, a cover crop should be established to control runoff. On open flat land with no windbreaks, wind erosion can blow and remove tons of soil filling in drainage ditches.

Wheat, barley or rye can be seeded in the fall to provide winter cover and plowed down in the spring for a green manure crop.

Corn, soybean and small grain residues left on the soil surface throughout the year are effective in controlling wind erosion. For overwinter protection, corn stalks should not be chopped until just before spring planting.

Chisel plowing on flat land leaves part of the crop residue on the surface of the soil, this residue breaks up the impact of raindrops on the soil and slows rill erosion.

Anything you do today, tomorrow or next week to slow the movement of wind and water can be an important step toward an overall conservation program.

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The Getting and the Giving

By REV. DAVID POLING

"Each must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you will always have enough of everything."—St. Paul.

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The demands and compulsions of the yuletide season create a strain that is anti-Christian. The season of giving, for many young people, becomes a time of getting and grabbing. Since early childhood the kids have heard the phrase: What do you want for Christmas? So Christmas becomes a strategy of building lists, negotiating for big treasures from the grandparents and matching desires with the gang down the street. It is not a good scene and the adults are in a worse bind.

The compulsions of Christmas (self-inflicted) have been locked into commercial and professional requirements for many people. They send greetings to remind you of their service and sales of the past year —or favors sought in 1973. Gifts and presents in some corporate situations reach the bribery level rather quickly. The season, for some, becomes one grand manipulation with joy and best wishes rather distant from the act of giving. There are few blessings in reluctant or compulsive giving.

Cheerful giving is really an art form. The person or family that has learned this attitude finds that the Christmas spirit does extend around the year. It means a steady transition from the childish mood of what-do-I-want-for-Christmas to a broader, more compassionate theme: What can I give to others. Giving has to be taught and it should be learned within the home. It springs from a source of thankfulness and gratitude toward God, who, according to St. Paul, sees that you always have enough.

Aside from overcoming our selfishness and self-protection, we are faced in the 20th century with what churchman Richard Knox Smith calls "compassion fatigue." The evening news on television churns with all the global alarms and catastrophes: a tidal wave in India, an earthquake in Ecuador, a famine in Africa. The sensitive viewer steels himself against the demands of the world lest he be broken by its tragedy and calamity. His response is limited by distance and resource, so his charitable mood is diminished and compassion fatigue sets in.

The caring person and the giving family has to face realistically the needs of life. One solution may be to concentrate on certain areas of philanthropy for a given period of time. One cannot support responsibly every appeal and request and need. The advice here is to narrow the direction of one's cash and energy, believing that others must take up the slack during our absence or participation.

Since giving includes our intellectual involvement (translated in meetings, discussions, research, and advocacy) as well as dollar contributions, we may want to follow priorities here as well. None of us has the total schedule to follow the concerns of pollution, population explosion, urban decay, problems of youth and aging, abortion reform, war and peace and a thousand other questions with any kind of regular attention. Here again we must narrow our interests in order to widen our influence.

Christmas should be a season of education as well as celebration and a great start can be made when we substitute giving for getting.

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Everybody gets prepared for Christmas '72

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Happiness and gratitude were the sentiments of many Americans both at home and abroad today as they prepared for Christmas. But the shopkeepers in Bethlehem were despondent because bad weather this past week has kept pilgrims away from the town where Christ was born.

Although today was clear and warm, the mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij, said, "I think it's going to be a one-day Christmas season. I doubt that we will get the 15,000 tourists we expected.'

Nevertheless, Bethlehemites still hoped for a big tourist influx on Christmas Eve.

As Americans prepared for Christmas there was gratitude in a California home and happiness in a remote arctic village.

"We're grateful he's safe and well," the parents of U.S. Navy Cmdr. Gordon Ross Nakagawa told friends after learning that their son had been shot down and captured Wednesday near North Vietnam's port of Haiphong.

"Whatever happens to him, he will take it in good stride," his mother, Harriet Nakagawa of Auburn, Calif., said. The 37year-old flier said in a Hanoi radio broadcast Friday he was all right except for a fractured arm which was being well treated.

It will be the second time Nakagawa is going to be spending Christmas in an internment camp. Thirty years ago, his family was interned along with other Japanese-Americans when the United States and Japan were at war.

At a remote arctic village an enterprising youngster erected a sign on the tail of a U.S. Air Force C130 cargo plane saying "Santa Claus, come back next year."

The plane from Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage on Wednesday brought 7,300 pounds of toys, food and clothes to the community located 50 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 75 miles from the nearest settlement.

It was the eighth Christmas mission by the Air Force to the village.

Before the plane set down on the frozen lake, a handful of paratroopers in red jumpsuits and one wearing a white beard had jumped from the big plane.

They shouted "Merry Christmas" on the way down. But their voices were lost in the 40degree-below air and one of the flying Santa Clauses ended up with a frostbitten ear.

In Saigon, today, 300 shouting orphans made a beeline for Santa Claus when he drove up to an Army-sponsored Christmas party in a truck with a flashing red light and screeching horn.

Deaths

MARGARET V. CLEMONS

CHARLESTON — Margaret Viola Clemons, 58, of 603 Lon Moore St. died at 11 p.m. Wednesday of an apparent heart attack at her home.

She was born Jan. 14, 1914 in Halls, Tenn., and had lived in Missouri for 42 years. She was a member of the Mercy Seat Baptist Church, Banner Court No. 8 and Heroines of Jericho.

Surviving are three sons, Willie, Herbert and Clifford Clemons of Chicago; five daughters, Mrs. Laura Louise Browning and Mrs. Betty Hill of Chicago, Mrs. Alberta Shaw of St. Louis, Mrs. Martha Ann Green of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Shirley Clemons of the home; two brothers, Jessie Fingers of St. Louis and Zeb Dixon of Chicago; one sister, Mrs. Berdie Crawford of Chicago; and 31 grandchildren and three great- grandchildren.

Friends may call this afternoon and tonight at Sparks Funeral Home.

Services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Sunday in Mercy Seat Baptist Church with the Rev. R. H. Hunt, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery near Charleston.

JOSEPH E. BERTRAND

BENTON — Joseph Emil Bertrand, 53, died at 8:05 a.m. today in Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born Oct. 21, 1919 at Benton. He was a member of St. Denis Catholic Church, Chamber of Commerce and American Legion Post No. 369. On Oct. 12, 1949, he married Mildred Scheffer, who survives. After serving in the Army in World War II, he returned to Benton and was owner of Bertrand Heating, Plumbing and Air Conditioning Co. until retiring in May 1972.

Surviving are one son, John Joseph Bertrand of Benton; two daughters, Mrs. Steve Lambert of Benton and Debbie Bertrand of the home; father, Emil Bertrand of Benton; one sister, Mrs. Virginia Harper of Benton; and one granddaughter.

The body is at Amick-Burnett Funeral Home where friends may call after 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel. Funeral mass is scheduled at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Denis Catholic church with the Rev. Raymond Kuenkel officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post No. 369.

CORA ALICE TUCKER

MATTHEWS — Cora Alice Tucker, 73, died Friday in Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

She was born Jan. 30, 1899 to the late Robert and Ella McLaughlin Bizzell, and was the widow of Wade W. Tucker, who died March 2, 1963.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Kestner Story of Matthews and Mrs. Edgar Todd of Morehouse; two brothers, William and Harry Bizzell of Sikeston; two sisters, Mrs. R. L. Bryant of Sikeston and Mrs. Anna Schuerenberg of Matthews and three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The body is at Welsh Funeral Home in Sikeston where friends may call after 7 p.m. today.

Services are scheduled Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Herold G. Lohrmann, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church of Matthews, officiating.

Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery in Sikeston.

ALICE MIRGEAUX

SCOTT CITY— Alice Mirgeaux, 87, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday in St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born April 14, 1885 in Scott County and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Illmo. On Aug. 23, 1904, she married Joseph Mirgeaux, who preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1968.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph L. Mirgeaux of Cape Girardeau and James Mirgeaux of Kelso; one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Gloeckner of St. Louis; one sister, Mrs. Ketie Garnet of Chaffee; and 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted in Amick— Burnett Funeral Chapel in Illmo Tuesday morning.

Burial will be in the St. Joseph cemetery near Illmo.

CHARLEY O. STEPHEN

AID— Charley O. Stephen, 81, a retired farmer, died at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Dexter Memorial Hospital following a short illness. He was a lifetime resident of Stoddard County.

He was born Dec. 30, 1890 near Bloomfield and attended Bloomfield schools. On May 5, 1918 in Bloomfield he married Miss Ella G. Story, who survives. A member of First Baptist Church of Aid, he was a former Sunday school superintendent and deacon.

Other survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Heckart of Paris, Mrs. Ruth Dean of Jackson and Mrs. Mary Jane Williams of Dexter; two brothers, Earnest Stephen of Dexter and Rudolph Stephen of St. Louis; one sister, Mrs. Edna McDaniel of Flint, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

The body is at Chiles—Cooper Funeral Home where friends may call after 5 p.m. today.

Funeral services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with the Rev. Marshall Dark, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dexter, and the Rev. Charles Hanna, pastor of First Baptist Church of Bloomfield, officiating.

Burial will be in West Pleasant Valley Cemetery west of Bloomfield.

CAROL GAY WATKINS

VANDUSER — Carol Gay Watkins, 34, died at 12:15 a.m. today at Missouri Delta Community Hospital in Sikeston.

She was born Feb. 8, 1938 in Festus to Mrs. Carl Sewald of Sikeston and the late Carl Sewald. She was the wife of Louis C. Watkins, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, David and Darin Watkins of the home; one brother, Carl Sewald of Walnut Ridge, Ark.; and one sister, Mrs. Jim Overall of Omaha, Neb.

The body is at Welsh Funeral Home in Sikeston where friends may call after 5 p.m. today until 1 p.m. Sunday when the body will be removed to Murray Lane Baptist Church.

Funeral services are scheduled at 3 p.m. Sunday at the church with the Rev. Wade Paris, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. D. Butler, a former pastor.

Burial will be in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Sikeston.

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Des Moines	35	28		clr
Detroit	36	35		rn
Duluth	22	21		cdy
Fairbanks	M	M	M	
Fort Worth	61	43		cdy
Green bay	31	28	T	cdy
Helena	43	25	.08	rn
Honolulu	81	73		cdy
Houston	66	46		cdy
Ind'apolis	35	32		cdy
Jacks'ville	74	57		clr
Juneau	M	M	M	M
Kansas City	47	36		cdy
Little Rock	41	33		rn
Los Angeles	71	57		cdy
Louisville	42	38		rn
Louisville	42	38		rn
Marquette	34	26	.01	cdy
Memphia	34	31		cdy
Miami	73	62	.30	cdy
Milwaukee	29	27		sn
Mpls-St.P.	26	23		cdy
New Orleans	53	41		cdy
New York	42	40	.23	cdy
Okla. City	59	37		cdy
Omaha	44	34		sn
Philad'phia	46	42	.13	cdy
Phoenix	69	41		clr
Pittsburgh	44	38		cdy
Pt'land, Ore.	56	51	.53	rn
Pt'land, Me.	36	31	.07	clr
Rapid City	64	30		cdy
Richmond	52	45	.08	cdy
St. Louis	30	28		rn
Salt Lake	48	34	.06	cdy
San Diego	71	59		cdy
San Fran	58	48		cdy
Seattle	51	48	.09	rn
Spokane	46	40	.23	rn
Tampa	75	52	.25	clr
Washington	48	34		cdy

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A—Nursing. Florence Nightingale carried a lamp on nightly visits to patients.

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UCLA wins 50th straight

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Johnny Wooden was back in his customary chair on the sideline and his national collegiate basketball champions, the UCLA Bruins, welcomed his return by whipping Pitt 89-73 for their 50th straight victory. The Bruins go after No. 51 in a row tonight against Notre Dame, the last team to beat them.

"I'm glad to be back," said the 62-year-old world-famous coach who missed his first game in nearly 25 years last week because of a mild heart condition. "As far as our overall play was concerned we didn't play with intensity. After getting a good start we lost our momentum."

"I'm glad it wasn't a rout," commented Buzz Ridl, coach of the Panthers. Billy Knight of Pitt was the game's high scorer with 37. Bill Walton topped UCLA with 18.

Second-ranked Maryland beat George Washington 88-79 and No. 6 Long Beach State routed Long Island 104-62 but Florida State and Indiana, the other two teams in the Associated Press Top Ten to play, went down to defeat.

Florida State, No. 7, fell before Alabama 74-68 in the Dayton Invitational. No. 9 Indiana was knocked out of the unbeaten ranks by South Carolina 88-85.

Kevin Joyce poured in 41 points for the Gamecocks as they wiped out a 14-point deficit to upset the Hoosiers.

"What a clutch performance by our captain who had a fine series with the U.S. Olympic team last summer," enthused South Carolina coach Frank McGuire. "When we had to change from zone to man-toman we were able to run with them and Joyce and Casey Manning and Mike Dunleavy made our all-court press work late in the game as we wore them down."

"It was a great shooting performance by Joyce that determined the outcome," said coach Bobby Knight of Indiana.

Ron King of Florida State suffered a severe ligament tear in the first 90 seconds against Alabama, but Hugh Durham, the Seminoles mentor, said "If you're good you pick yourself up when something like that happens. We built a good lead without him, but couldn't keep it up."

"We planned to go inside from the outset," said C.W. Newton, coach of the Crimson Tide. "We not only got inside we gave ourselves room at the perimeter and our outside men took advantage of it."

"We were lucky to win," said Maryland coach Lefty Driesell after the Terps had rallied to beat GW. "It wasn't pretty, but it goes into the W column and that's what counts. Our overall aggressiveness and mental attitude wasn't what it should have been."

In other games involving teams in the AP Top Twenty, No. 13 North Carolina shaded California 64-61 and No. 15 Brigham Young whipped Fullerton State 89-68.

Elsewhere it was Southern California over Illinois 75-72, Stanford over Fordham 77-54, Villanova over Detroit 54-41, Syracuse over Yale 78-72, Tulane over Georgia Tech 69-68 and Kentucky Wesleyan over Austin Peay in overtime 109-107 behind Mike Williams' sizzling 51-point production.

College Basketball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST
Syracuse 78, Yale 72
Brown 77, New Hamp. 71
St. Bonaventure 86, Baltimore 62
LaSalle 92, W. Chester 52
Buffalo 85, Georgia St. 63
Harvard 80, Conn. 70
Delaware 90, Dartmouth 85, overtime
Delaware St. 103, Salisbury St. 90

MIDWEST
Villanova 54, Detroit 41

SOUTH
Va. Tech. 71, Richmond 61
Marshall 74, Morehead St. 71
South Caro. 88, Indiana 85
Maryland 88, George Washington 79
LSU 67, Fla. 57
SMU 111, Athletes in Action 94
Tulane 69, Georgia Tech 68

SOUTHWEST
McMurry 91, Sul Ross 76
E. New Mexico 67, Panhandle A&M 62
SW Texas St. 49, St. Mary's Tex. 48

FAR WEST
San Francisco U. 78, Utah 63
Brigham Young 89, Cal St.Fullerton 68
Washington 98, Boise St. 61
UCLA 89, Pittsburgh 73
Linfield 76, George Fox 68
North Caro. 64, California 61
Stanford 77, Fordham 54
San Diego U. 87, La Verne 69
So. Calif. 75, Illinois 72
New Mexico St. 86, VMI 57

TOURNAMENTS
Dayton Invitational
First Round
Alabama 74, Fla. St. 68
Dayton 73, Northwestern 66
Charger Invitational Tourney
First Round
Quinnipiac 58, Eastern Conn. 50
New Haven 87, Susquehanna 71
International City Classic
First Round
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Swami picks winners

Who will be the Southeast Missouri representatives in the state tournaments in March? That's a good question and the answer might be forthcoming next week when the champions of the holiday tournament classics are crowned.

Last year's three affairs produced state tournament entries. The Richland Rebels swept to the Bloomfield championship a year ago and finished third in the Class M state tournament. Cape Girardeau Central took the College High classic and represented Class L schools in the state tournament, defeating Farmington — the Flat River Christmas tournament champions — in a first-round contest.

This season's pre-tournament favorites, along with a number of ourney opponents, have already been mentioned as state- tournament bound. Winning one of the area toughies will be a big plus toward the big dream.

The action gets under way Tuesday at each of the three sites with Advance, Cape Girardeau Central and Fredericktown carrying the number one seed.

It'll be an interesting week and I'll try to give you some idea of what to expect by predicting the outcome of each game.

So ... here goes with first round pairings for Tuesday.

BLOOMFIELD CLASSIC

Parma vs. Clarkton - The winner of this contest isn't destined for any long life in the tournament ... They'll have to face the top- seeded Advance Hornets ... But that's enough to get any team up and the opening battle should be a classic contest in itself ... giving the winner a shot at the undefeated AHS cagers. Parma should have had a better seed and might show that in the opener.

Parma 89, Clarkton 68.

Advance vs. Malden — This will not be any runaway for the Hornets ... The Greenwave need only a little polish to be one of the area contenders ... If the AHS cagers don't have their usual fine shooting night, they'll have trouble ... But I look for a romp ... Advance 82, Malden 67.

Matthews vs. Bell City --- Coach Carl Ritter's Pirates will have little trouble moving into the quarterfinals of the tournament ... MHS 84, BCHS 55.

Oran vs. Puxico --- Now this should be a real contest ... Although the Eagles seem to have jelled into a solid unit, the Indians are overdue for an outstanding game in this annual affair and might just unleash Tuesday ... if so, watch for a shootout and a net- burning score ... I see a close battle, with the Eagles' rebounding talent telling the story, OHS 71, PHS 60.

FLAT RIVER CLASSIC

DeSoto vs. Bismarck --- Oh, a flip of the coin might be the best way to decide the winner of this contest ... heads and the DeSoto Dragons have the slim 68-63 edge.

Leadwood vs. South Iron --- Another coin flipper ... The Pups have the seed but the Bulldogs have the upset tools ... another head flip and the Pups are 77-74 picks.

North County vs. Valle --- No doubt about it ... North County will speed into the quarterfinals behind an impressive 67-55 win.

Herculaneum vs. Farmington --- This tournament has been known for its upsets in recent years and this could be one ... The Knights aren't bad at all, but Herky has to be favored ... 59-51.

CAPE GIRARDEAU CLASSIC

It's going to be a long day ... and that could be the understatement of the season ... College High and Oak Ridge are matched in the morning opener at 9 and Cape Central battles Leopold in the night cap at 8:30 with six more games to be played in between ... We hope our colleague ... Fred Copeland ... survives the ordeal ...

College High vs. Oak Ridge --- A good matchup ... maybe the Preps can catch the Bluejays still sleeping ... if not, you might look for a clock buster in the opener ... I figure an 84-40 outcome.

Portageville vs. Illmo - Scott City --- The Bulldogs will be a team to be reckoned with in this event ... But they'll have to play some tough competition and their opening opponents aren't any pushovers ... If PHS doesn't start looking ahead ... the Bulldogs could find themselves in the title game Friday ... But they look a little shaky in the opener ... PHS 73, I-SC 70.

Scott Central vs. Jackson --- Now this might be the best game of the tournament ... The Braves have the talent to go all the way ... but this opening hurdle might be too big ... The Indians are coming around ... Scott Central is an 88-70 pick.

Clearwater vs. Delta --- This is a real toughie for the old swami ... Clearwater was tough in the event last season and little is known about the Piedmont crew this campaign ... The Bobcats have been up and down ... Clearwater 69, Delta 61.

Charleston vs. Meadow Heights --- Coach Lucian Black's Bluejays have been in the thick of the title race for the three seasons ... but it's doubtful they'll be in it this season ... It might end in the opener ... But we've got faith in CHS ... 59, Meadow Heights 49.

Woodland vs. Notre Dame --- The Bulldogs will prevail ... NDHS 81, Woodland 67.

Kelly vs. Chaffee --- If Pete Dooley can equal his season high of 60 points and Scott Thomas equal his top performance of last season (57) ... the Red Devils will win by a runaway ... But it's doubtful that the Hawks will allow such ... Anyway, we see a close contest ... Kelly 73, Chaffee 69.

Cape Central vs. Leopold --- The Bengals will have a little trouble in this contest ... But the road to the title gets longer each day ... Central 88, Leopold 69.

That's all, folks!!!!

Sports Corner
Ron Jaynes

Jays lose

VIBURNUM — The Viburnum Jays jumped to an early lead Tuesday night, but were unable to hold it as they fell before a determined bunch of Salem Tigers, 48-47.

Mike Johnson's 22- point effort led the Salem comeback. Teammate Bill Crocker came up with 14.

David Payne had 21 points for Viburnum.

The Tigers assumed a first-quarter lead of eight points, 14-8 but, from there, it was all downhill. Salem outscored the hosts in every quarter the rest of the way and claimed the narrow win.

The halftime score was 21-18 with Viburnum still in the lead. After three quarters the Tigers still had a slim 33-32 lead, but the Tigers outscored them 16-14 for the win.

Salem also won the B-game by one point, 26-25. Ricky Kirkwood scored 11 to lead the junior Tigers.

Scoring:

SALEM (48)
Crocker 14, Johnson 22, Pace 2, Drown 8, Koonce 2.

VIBURNUM (47)
Payne 21, Fox 2, Kirkwood 16, Anderson 8.

Hayti rated first

SENATH-- Twice beaten Hayti was seeded first for the Senath— Hornersville New Year's tournament which gets underway Jan. 3 when the Indians battle North Pemiscot at 6:30 p.m..

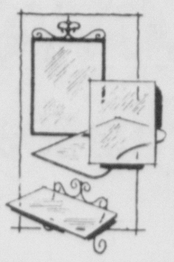
HHS is 7- 2 on the season.

Second Delta C— 7 goes up against Southland in the opening night finale. The Chargers are seeded fourth while Southland is not rated. The winners of Wednesday's games will play the semifinals Friday night at 6:30.

Play will continue Jan. 4 with Senath— Hornersville and Risco trying for a playoff berth at 6:30. The Lions hold a 9- 2 record and are second seeded.

South Pemiscot tackles Campbell in the second game Thursday night. The Bulldogs captured a third- seeded rating. The winners will move into the second game of the semifinals at 8 p.m.

The tourney will close Saturday with the consolation game at 6:30 p.m. and the championship battle at 8 o'clock.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Shula beware of Browns

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Miami Dolphins, loaded with a stable of swifties, and the Cleveland Browns, who appear to have too little, meet Sunday in a National Football League playoff game.

But Miami Coach Don Shula hopes that he's not haunted by the spectre of seasons past.

Although Shula's unbeaten Dolphins are heavily favored in the game, one of four over the weekend, he is reminded of past history involving the Browns—most of it bad.

The last time Miami met Cleveland was Shula's first year with the Dolphins in 1970. The Browns walloped Shula's club 28—0.

When Shula was with Baltimore in 1968, the Colts lost only one of their 14 games all season. Guess who beat them? That's right, the Browns, by a score of 30—20.

And in 1964, Shula's Colts were heavily favored to beat Cleveland in the NFL championship game. But the Browns won that match, also, by a resounding margin—27—0.

In fact, the only time that a Shula team has succeeded in licking Cleveland was in the 1968 playoffs.

The Browns, however, have shown weaknesses on defense this year and appear to not to have enough to stop Miami's 1,000-yard runners—Larry Csonka and Mercury Morris.

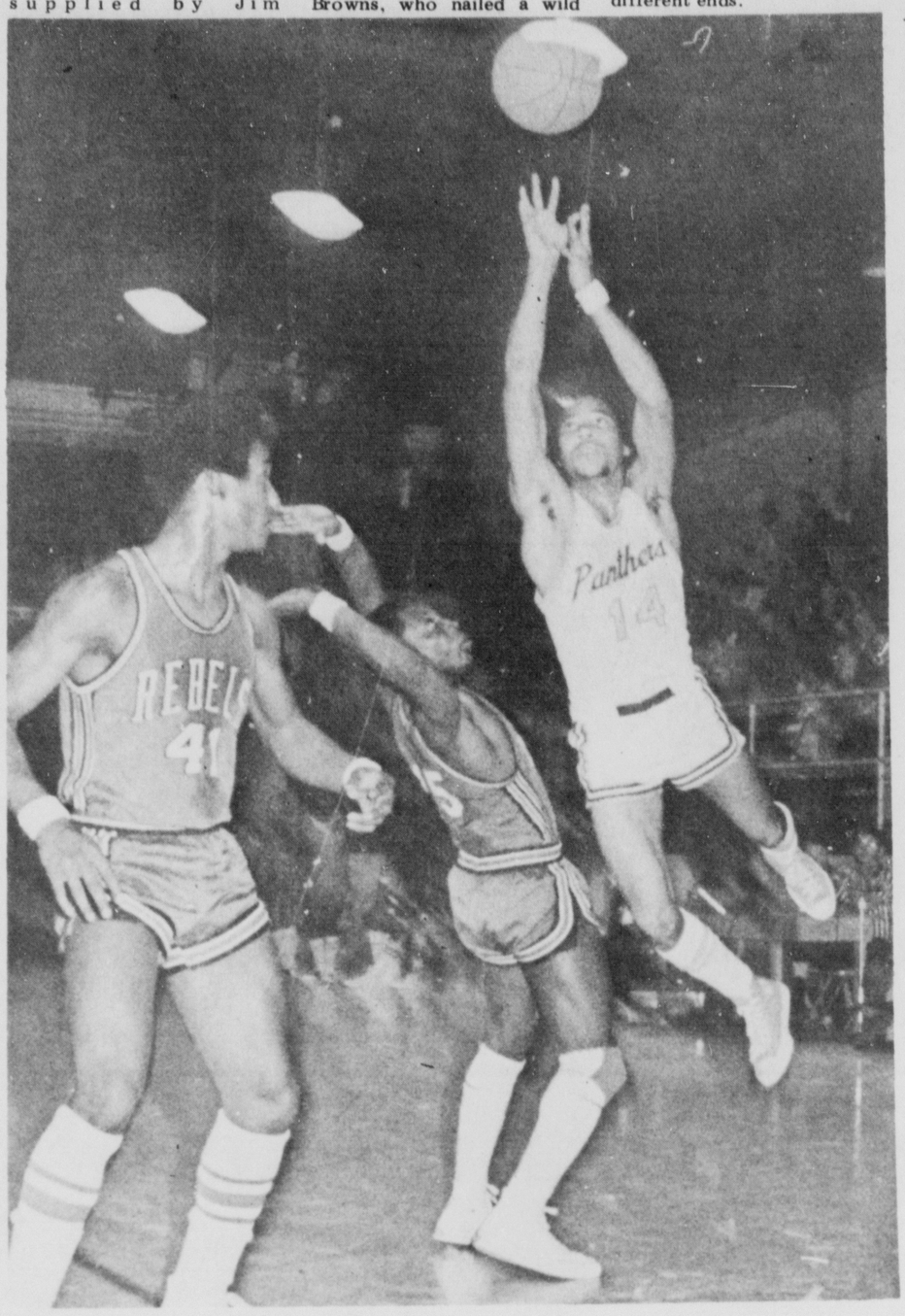
The other playoff game Sunday seems a fairer matchup as the Green Bay Packers tackle the Washington Redskins.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, winners of the American Conference's Central Division, play AFC West champion Oakland and the National Conference's Western king, San Francisco, meet the wild card Dallas Cowboys in today's games.

The winners this weekend will play for the conference championships on Sunday, Dec. 31, and the survivors will meet in the Super Bowl in Los Angeles on Jan. 14.

The Dolphins won all 14 games this year enroute to a runaway victory in the AFC's Eastern Division. With runners like Csonka and Morris—and an extra kick supplied by Jim Kiick—quarterback Earl Morrall figures to stick with a ground attack against the Browns, who nailed a wild card berth in the AFC despite an unstable defensive line that has included 10 different ends.

Washington captured the NFC's Eastern Division with a fine running attack, powered by 1,000-yarder Larry Brown and backfield mate Charlie Harraway. The Redskins' famed "Over The Hill Gang" takes on a up-and-coming Packer bunch that was picked to finish low but won the NFC's Central race.



Clyde eyes two

Clyde McFerren (14) glides through the air and gets a goodby wave from an unidentified Richland Rebel during Wednesday night's high school basketball game won by Lilbourn, 68-59. The Panthers are idle over the Christmas Holidays, but the Rebels defend the Bloomfield Christmas tournament championship, beginning Tuesday.

Sportmen's calendar

	OPENS	CLOSES	BAG LIMIT (daily possession)
HUNTING			
Groundhogs, Coyotes	now open	no closed season	unlimited
Squirrel	now open	Dec. 31	6-12
Rabbits (cottontail, swamp)	now open	Feb. 15, 1973	6-12
Deer (archery)	now open	Dec. 31	1/season
Geese	see Regulations	see Regulations	see Regulations
Quail	now open	Jan. 15, 1973	10-20
Pheasant (designated counties)	now open	Dec. 31	1-2 (male only)
FISHING			
Impoundments (all species)	now open	no closed season	see Code Book
Steams (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted b ss)	now open	Feb. 28, 1973	see Code Book
Trout Management Areas (stamp required)	now open	no closed season	5-10
Trout Parks	March 1, 1973	Oct. 31, 1973	5-10
Non-game fish (snagging, snaring, etc.)	now open	Dec. 31	see Code Book
Walleye & Sauger	see Code Book	see Code Book	see Code Book

Matmen pin CHS

The Sikeston Bulldog matmen rolled up their third consecutive victory Thursday night by whipping the Charleston Blue Jays, 45-18 in the Sikeston mini-dome.

The first seven weight classes, which Coach John Heacox tabbed as the strength of the squad, rolled up an insurmountable lead before the Blue Jays could win a match. All seven members in the lower weight divisions have unblemished 3-0 records for the season.

In the 98-pound division, Steve Nowell received his second forfeit of the year because Charleston had no grappler in that weight class. This may hurt Nowell's season because a wrestler must get in experience on the mat in competition if he is to stay sharp.

Tom Bridger, Jim Huff, Phil Stinson and Lee Vaughn rolled up big match scores as they beat their opponents by decisions.

Scott Hutchison and Bill Lewis collected pins in their matches. For Lewis, it was his third pin of the season in as many matches.

The wrestlers in the 167-pound and heavyweight divisions, respectively, Ron Blankenship and Bill Harlow, pinned their adversaries in lightning fashion. Blankenship pinned his opponent, Johnson, in one minute, two seconds and Harlow nailed his man, Jamison, in 56 seconds.

Three freshmen started for the Bulldog varsity squad, and each showed fine moves on the mat but lacked the experience of their opponents. The three - Bill Paxton, Wendell Williams and David Overby — show a great deal of promise for Coach Heacox's future squads.

In the junior varsity match, Sikeston took the Charleston Jayvees by the score of 42-12. Robert Burnett, Calvin Chatman and Mike Crabb collected pins for the Bulldogs. For Crabb, it was his third pin of the season.

Today the varsity Bulldogs traveled to Cape Girardeau to take part in an eight-team tournament which started at 10 a.m. Other teams in the tourney were Cape Central, Charleston, Jackson, Dexter, Cleveland High School of St. Louis, Sumner High School of St. Louis and Fox High School of Arnold. Jackson and the three St. Louis area teams make up the stiffest competition the Bulldog matmen will face until they go into district competition in February.

Scoring:

98 - pound - Steve Nowell won by forfeit

105 - pound - Tom Bridger won decision over Morten 12-0

112 - pound - Scott Hutchison pinned Williams

119 - pound Jim Huff won decision over DeField 9-0

126 - pound - Phil Stinson won decision over Ward 11-0

132 - pound - Bill Lewis pinned Roland

138 - pound - Lee Vaughn won decision over Chambers 12-2

145- pound - Bill Paxton was pinned by Rowling

155- pound - Wendell Williams was pinned by Henry

167- pound - Ron Blankenship pinned Johnson (62 seconds)

185- pound David Overby was pinned by French

Heavyweight - Bill Harlow pinned Jamison (56) seconds)

Pro basketball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
Boston	27	4	.871	—
New York	27	9	.750	2 1/2
Buffalo	9	24	.273	18
Philadelphia	3	32	.086	26

Central Division

Baltimore	18	14	.563	—
Atlanta	19	15	.559	—
Houston	14	18	.438	4 1/2
Cleveland	9	26	.257	1 1/2

Western Conference

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	F.B.
Milwaukee	24	9	.727	—
Chicago	21	11	.656	3
K.C.-Omaha	20	18	.526	6 1/2
Detroit	15	17	.469	8 1/2

Pacific Division

Los Angeles	27	6	.818	—
Golden State	20	11	.645	6 1/2
Phoenix	16	18	.471	12 1/2
Seattle	10	28	.263	20
Portland	8	27	.229	20

Yesterday's Results

Atlanta 110, Buffalo 109

Boston 118, Kansas City-Omaha 90

New York 98, Cleveland 87

Detroit 109, Seattle 97

Hoston 116, Philadelphia 103

Phoenix 118, Los Angeles 110

Chicago 127, Portland 97

Only games scheduled

Today's Games

Philadelphia at Atlanta

Detroit at Baltimore

Boston at Milwaukee

Chicago at Golden State

Only games scheduled

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

Monday's Games

Detroit at New York

Milwaukee vs. Kansas City-Omaha at Kansas City

Chicago at Phoenix, afternoon

Seattle at Portland

FOOTBALL

WASHINGTON—A U.S. District judge refused to lift the local television blackout of Sunday's National Football League game between the Green Bay Packers and the Washington Redskins.

BASEBALL

SAN DIEGO—The San Diego Padres rejected proposals to move to Washington. President E.J. Bavasi announced the National League baseball club will remain at its Southern California home.

For the sportsman

By Fred Copeland

User fee permits, required for entry to Missouri's state parks after the first of the year, are now on sale. The user fee, a charge on each motorized vehicle entering state parks, is being initiated to provide funds for capital improvements at Missouri's 56 state parks and historic sites.

Realizing that the legislature is not likely to provide all the money needed, Director of State Parks Joseph Jaeger Jr. has noted that "the people who use the state parks will have to be the ones who help support them." The new user fee will become the basis for financing a five- year capital improvements program totaling nearly $30.2 million. This would help prepare the parks for a projected 64 per cent increase in attendance in the present decade.

The permits cost $10 for an annual permit- statewide, which allows use of all state parks during a calendar year; $3 for an annual permit- individual state park, which allows use of a specific state park during the calendar year; or $1 for a daily permit which is valid in one or more state parks during a 24- hour period. Permits may be purchased from any state park or historic site office, the main office in Jefferson City, any of the three regional headquarters or the Columbia Historical Survey Office.

To avoid last- minute rushes, the park board is urging those who use the state parks to buy their user fee permits early. However, those who wait until they will be well- served by a system of new contact stations. The 35 wood- frame booths are being built during the winter months and will provide a central location in the state parks for distribution of visitor information and selling of user fee permits. Plans call for all contact stations to be finished by March 1.

KHS romps

KENNETT--- The tough Kennett Indians used stiff defense and an offense led by Greg Gilmer Friday night to coast to an easy 56- 22 win over Clarkton's Reindeer.

Gilmer's 18 points were followed by 10 each for Williams and McCrackin. Clarkton had no one even close to double figures.

The game was Kennett's all the way. The Indians raced to a 14- 6 first quarter lead and never trailed in the contest. The halftime score was 28- all. After three quarters the hosts led 40- 16, and even the reserves poured it on in the final quarter, outscoring the Deer 16- 6.

The Indians also took the B- game, 42 to 35. Johnson had 20 points for Kennett. Wilson accounted for 17 of the Reindeer points.

Scoring:

KENNETT (56)

White 8, Gilmer 18, Williams 10, Miltenberger 2, McCrackin 10, Smith 2, Prow 2, Collier 2, Green 2. Totals: FG— 27; FT— 2; PF— 16.

CLARKTON (22)

Krickman 3, Lawrence 3, Rickman 4, McFarland 4, Caldwell 5, Maddox 3. Totals: FG— 7; FT— 8; PF— 12.

Score By Quarters:

Kennett	14	14	12	16	—56
Clarkton	6	5	5	6	— 22

Missouri High School Basketball By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pattonsburg 51, North Harrison 46

Lebanon 73, Fulton 60

Braymer 90, Norborne 57

Oak Park 53, North Kansas City 48

Fairfax 82, North Nodaway 56

Gallatin 60, Cainsville 38

Marshall 78, Brookfield 52

Trenton 64, Chillicothe 45

Liberal 65, Diamond 38

LaSalle 92, West Chester 52

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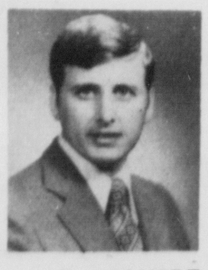

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And they are — lovingly filled by Moms and Dads.

That "Just-what-I've-always-wanted" Christmas gift for wives is often sterling silver flatware, say retailers.

"Many women who've been married five or ten years or more, who may not have received sterling when they married, are thinking about getting it now," reported one retailer. "Maybe it's women's lib that's doing it. All I know is, the holidays are a good time for sterling giving."

Good time indeed

They are, indeed, a good time — for even June with its brides can't compete with December's soaring silver sales. And in 1972, a healthier economy is proving to be a boon for America's silversmiths who anticipate zooming sales during the holidays.

What is there about sterling silver that continues to appeal to today's "young modern," as she's called by the slick magazines? And why hasn't sterling become as dead as the dodo in today's super-fast, super-streamlined world?

Gift consultants, attuned to the temper of the times when it comes to tableware buying, explain it in several ways. Commented one, "Sterling's simply the best there is. It has prestige and status. When she's entertaining guests, any wife feels more secure knowing her table's set with the best. It's all very psychological."

Another consultant discounted the "status" theory. "Impressing other people isn't important," she maintained, "it's what you feel about your possessions yourself that counts. Women realize that sterling's 'the real thing' — it's solid silver through and through. And anyone who loves quality appreciates that."

Still another remarked, "Women are buying sterling as an investment. It's a precious metal, and the value of sterling flatware today is bound to rise, not fall."

Whether it's one reason or many, sterling's lure for women should provide husbands with many a gift possibility this Christmas.

Starter set

For the wife who's never owned sterling at all, place settings — from two on up — are the most logical beginning. The six-piece place setting is the standard one, but for starters, a man might consider the four-piece setting. Included are the place knife, fork and spoon, and the salad fork. The other pieces (place spoon and spreader) can be added later on.

If she received a little bit of sterling when she married, but hasn't added to it, fill-in pieces are the answer. These can be either place or serving pieces, and the sky's the limit. (Any man who doesn't know the name of the pattern his wife owns might carry off a spoon, say, to his local jeweler, who will identify it in a trice.)

It's the thought

Place settings or several fill-in pieces are, of course, a generous and splendid gift. But one piece of sterling is not to be sneezed at. Besides Christmas, anniversaries, birthdays, Mother's Day, all offer good opportunities.

With such good reasons for choosing, and so many attractive possibilities for giving, it's no wonder the nation's retailers are looking forward to a sterling silver — as well as a white — Christmas.

Good way for any husband to please his wife this Christmas is with a gift of sterling silver. Place settings, serving pieces provide lots of shining possibilities.

Pretty things top lists of career gals

Picking gifts for career gals isn't as difficult as it may seem. The 40 million women in the nation's work force utilize their shopping time for necessities, although they long for the pretty things in life.

Lovely handkerchiefs are always welcome. She may always use tissues in the office, but when she goes out she likes to carry a real hankie.

No woman ever has enough note paper, and she needs different types for her busy days. Little notes for a quick "thank you" and exciting paper that reflects her personality.

Family also shares in gifts for dad

There are many who choose gifts for dad who may find themselves sharing in the pleasure they bring him in a very practical way.

Take, for example, the dad who is a motoring enthusiast, who takes pride in his personal automobile, which usually is the family car.

One of the simplest gift ideas involves but a small outlay — and would definitely be an extra gift and one that would bring him many smiles. The gift would be a set of brooms — yes, brooms — with which one sweeps things clean.

Broom set

There should be three brooms to the set — available in practically every store. The set should include: an ordinary kitchen broom to sweep the garage and the driveway; a toy broom small enough to keep in the car trunk, for use in sweeping out the inside of the car; and the third, a whisk broom for personal clothes brushing, to keep in the glove compartment.

Another suggestion would be an inexpensive hand vacuum for the car, a good idea if there will be several members of the family "chipping in."

New seat covers are a present that the entire family can enjoy also. It's a good idea to purchase a gift certificate for the covers so dad can personally supervise the installation.

If budget permits, a stereo tape deck for the car, and a selection of tapes may please him and also entertain the family.

To insure personal comfort — again to be shared by the family — an air conditioner for the car makes a cool gift idea.

For everyone

Certainly, any gift for the car that adds to the safety of anyone who may ride in it is a gift for everyone. Some of the suggestions for this area are hydraulic car jack, blinking red lights for emergencies, flares, and tire repair kits.

Aside from the actual improvement of the car, another gift that would help keep up the auto's appearance is a garage addition. Car ports for the do-it-yourself family are available in pre-cut kits at the local lumber company.

Other suggestions for gifts that are intended for dad but in fact benefit all in the family include home care machinery—like lawn mowers, hedge clippers, hoses for watering, snow blowers and small tractors.

Throws hints

Throwing hints at dad via a Christmas present may be a fun way to give him that extra encouragement for around-home improvements. Extension ladders, ideal for painting, and caulking guns tell dad that maybe there's something around the house that needs doing.

Another example of subtle gifts for prompting dad would be room paneling, staple gun, staples, hammer, nails. Surely it won't take dad long to get the idea, that his "two-sided" gift is really needed.

PEACE ON EARTH

Our wish is that this season bestow on you all it's blessings.

KING ARTHUR'S LOUNGE

SIKESTON, MO.

Happy Holiday

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Our good cheer is on its way. We're wishing folks out there happiness and good health for this season . . . and all the time. For your patronage, our heartfelt gratitude.

BURDEN & McCLUNG ELECTRIC SERVICE

212 S. STODDARD SIKESTON, MO.

It's Christmas, and we're so glad to chime in with our own good wishes to you, your family and friends. For your loyal patronage, accept our warm thanks. We shall continue in our sincere endeavor to please you, our dear customers.

IMPERIAL FLOOR COVERING

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Christmas renews in the hearts of mankind the joy and wonder of the shepherds as they watched by night . . . the all-pervading love of the Saviour.

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Thank you for your patronage.

Sonny Presley CHEVROLET

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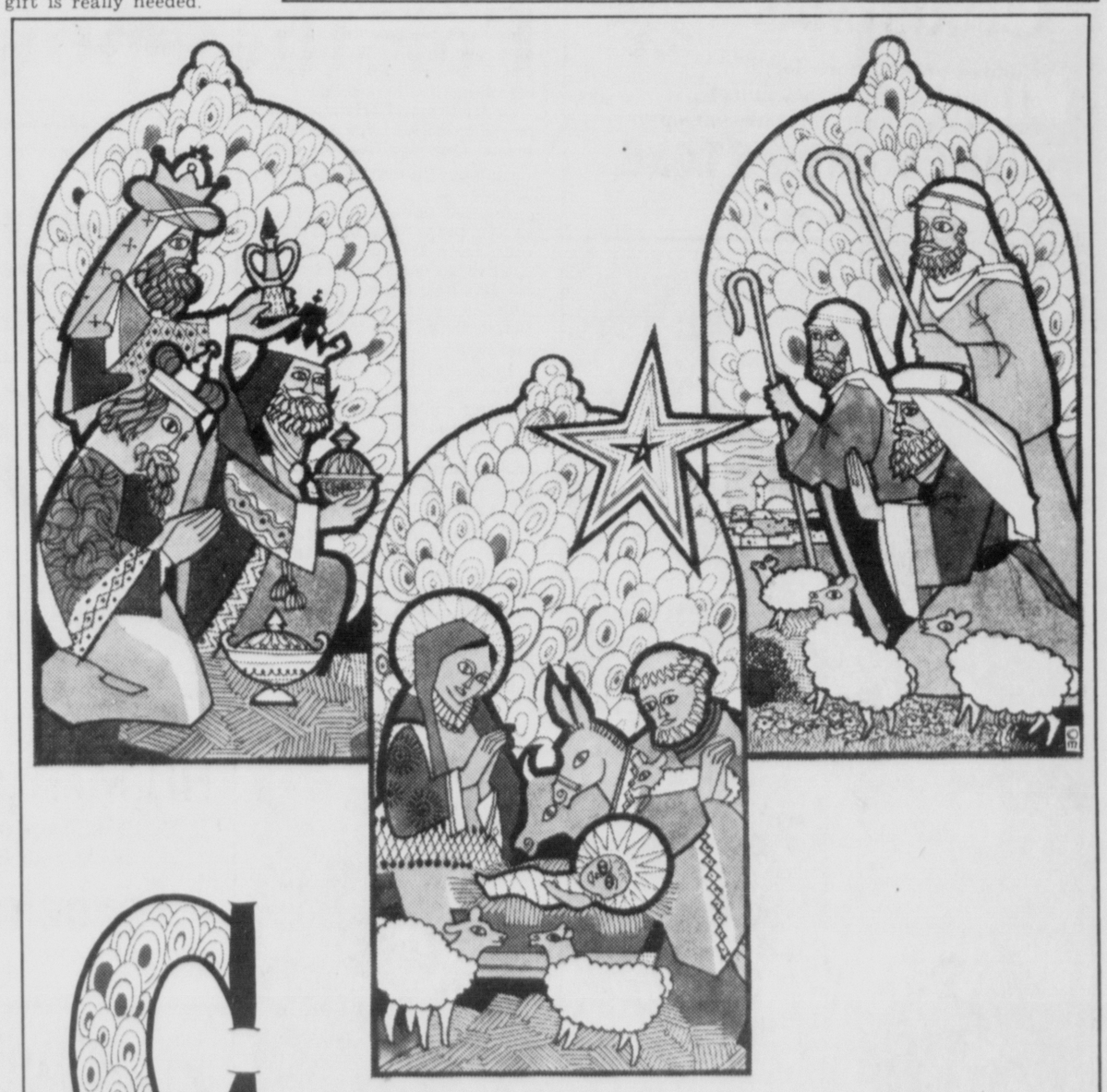

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Merry Christmas

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Facts About Yule Legends

NEW YORK (AP) — As a gift to you, the editors of Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia have compiled some not so well-known facts relating to the holiday season.

Read them and enjoy!

There really was a St. Nicholas. He was the beloved Bishop of the Greek Church of Myra, and he lived in Asia Minor during the early part of the 4th century.

In 1644 during Oliver Cromwell's regime, the observance of Christmas in England was forbidden by an act of Parliament.

The Pennsylvania Dutch name for Santa Claus is — Pelznickel.

There is a town of Santa Claus — in Indiana.

The man who set December 25 as the date of Christ's birth was Pope Julius. The time he set is: 340 A.D.

The inhabitants of Alaska carry a star around with them when they go from place to place on Christmas Eve singing carols.

Before the 5th century A.D., there was no general consensus of opinion as to when Christmas should fall on the calendar. Among the dates considered: January 5, March 25, and December 25.

"Xmas" got its origin from "X", an abbreviation of Christ deriving from the Greek letter X (ch) beginning His name.

Lights are put in windows on Christmas Eve for a reason; to guide the Christ Child wandering over the world.

In the Philippines, Christmas is known as *Santo Nino*, and children sing carols and parade through the streets behind a band.

The Christmas tree traces its origin to Germany.

Christmas Seals originated in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1904. It was the idea of a postal clerk named Holboell, who dreamed them up as a benefit for a childrens' hospital.

Tradition says the first Christmas was celebrated in 98 A.D.

American Indians had a superstition that deer kneel and look up to the Great Spirit on Christmas Eve.

The first Christmas any white man ever spent in the New World was in 1492 by Columbus aboard the *Nina*. He had been forced to leave his *Santa Maria* flagship because it was wrecked off a coral reef.

In 878 Alfred the Great set aside 12 days for Yule festivities in England.

The earliest tragedy in the English language — *Gorboduc* — was first performed on Christmas Day of 1561.

In the Ukraine, singers on Christmas Day go about the villages carrying mangers and singing folksongs.

In Czechoslovakia, fortunes are told after the evening meal Christmas Day. This is done by pouring melted lead or wax into water and studying the shapes formed.

Poles in Poland don't have their Christmas dinner until the evening star is seen.

In the South, Christmas Day is often greeted with fire crackers, pistols, cannon, horns and bells.

In Belgium young belles still take candles to the well on Christmas midnight to see the faces of their "future husbands".

Mistletoe over the door at Christmas time owes its origin to the Druid priests of ancient England. They used to cut it down and hang it over doors to bring happiness to those passing underneath it.

The lamb is the symbol of Christmas because this animal once covered Him like a canopy when Roman soldiers were searching to kill the child.

In Austria on Christmas, the people bake two large loaves of bread. One typifies the Old Testament; the other, the New Testament.

Another name for Christnas in England is "Boxing Day". It came from the custom of Old English servants going around on December 25 with earthen boxes to collect their Christmas gifts in the form of money.

In Puerto Rico, children at Christmas time — instead of hanging up stockings — put boxes on the roof.

According to legend, the robin's breast is red because the bird once fanned his wings for a long time to warm the Christ Child in the manger.

An age-old Christmas custom: Cutting an onion into halves, peeling off 12 layers (1 for each month to come) and filling each with salt. On the next morning, the peelings containing damp salt indicate rainy months.

A FIGA, clenched fist which for Brazilians symbolizes good luck, is a special present for a special friend since it supposedly insures the recipient of massive good fortune. Some ways it can be worn is around the neck, on a bracelet or a key chain. Of 18 carat gold, it is available for $25.00. at H. Stern Jewelers, 681 Fifth Avenue, New York City or by mail order.

Holiday Greetings

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With Best Wishes for Christmas

Holiday prescription: lots of family happiness, warmth, fun. Our gratitude for your patronage.

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The First Christmas

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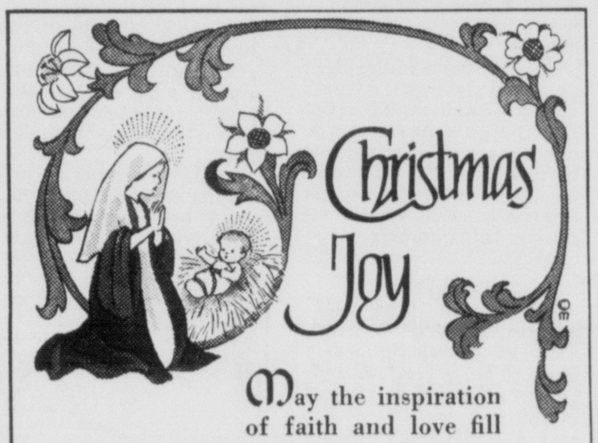
Greetings to all Here's wishing you lots of joy and laughter to remember all year.

Carole's Fashions
SIKESTON

Peace ... Joy

May the love He taught the world fill every heart as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

COFFEY'S TV and APPLIANCE
107 W. CENTER



Christmas Joy

May the inspiration of faith and love fill your heart with quiet peace and happiness. A joyous Noel to all.

MAPLE OIL CO.
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Hi! Merry Christmas

May you have a wonderful Christmas, bright with happiness and joy.

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Greetings

May the joys of this Christmas season rekindle cherished memories, and fill your heart with great happiness.

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In The Tradition Of Charles Dickens

If Charles Dickens lived today, he undoubtedly would nave approved of this country's National Foundation — March of Dimes.

During his era children became street urchins from the day they toddled out of their hovels, and a deformed youngster on a crude crutch stirred more revulsion than sympathy. A few citizens did see the need for reform, and some spoke out.

Charles Dickens' voice was one of the clearest and most relentless. He investigated, wrote vivid newspaper reports and novels; he traveled and gave readings, to make the public feel responsiblity toward the uncared-for mass of children.

Dickens was especially anxious to better the treatment of sick and crippled children, and he devoted himself to raising money for the Hospital For Sick Children, which still operates on Great Ormond St., London.

Among his most successful fund-raising readings, during the year 1858, was his classic "A Christmas Carol". What more fitting example of dire medical need than Tiny Tim with his little crutch and heavy leg braces!

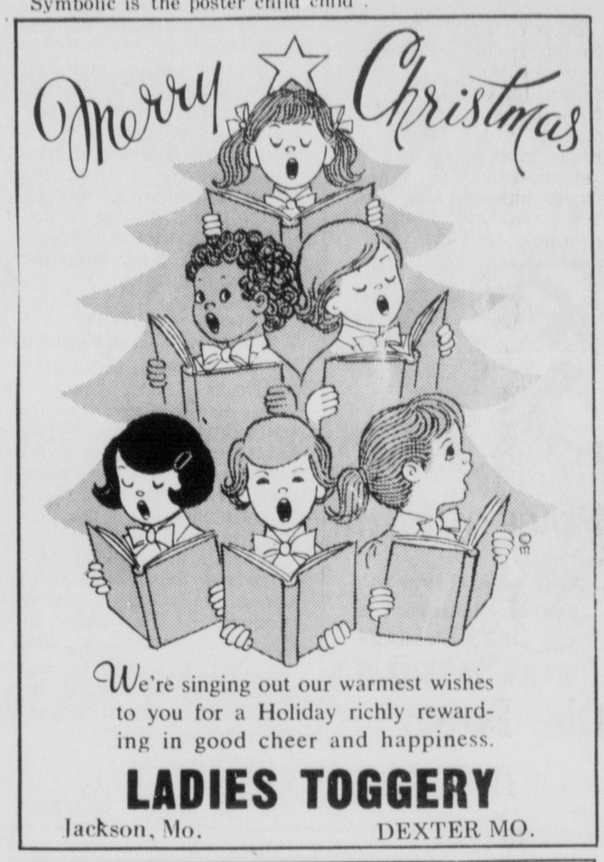
A lay leader like Dickens, who saw what had to be done for sick and crippled children and worked to see it done, might have been an inspiration for The National Foundation-March of Dimes in this country, more than a century later. This organization saw the need for prevention and treatment of birth defects, which affect some 250,000 babies annually, in the United States. With the help of volunteers throughout the country, its members work to raise funds for research, medical service and education.

chosen to represent the March of Dimes, almost as Dickens inspired courage and hope through Tiny Tim, the immortal Christmas "poster child".

Symbolic is the poster child

March of Dimes

TINY TIM (March of Dimes)



Merry Christmas

We're singing out our warmest wishes to you for a Holiday richly rewarding in good cheer and happiness.

LADIES TOGGERY
Jackson, Mo. DEXTER MO.

GREETINGS

A wreath of Yuletime happiness to you. Thanks for your confidence in us.

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Christmas Greetings

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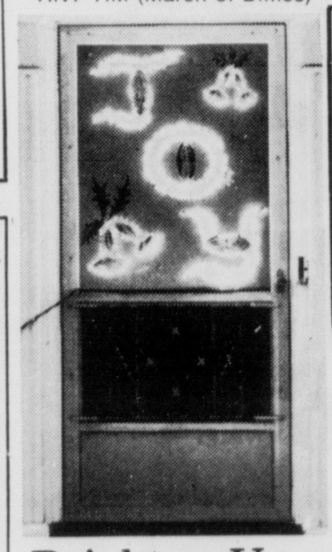


Brighten Up The Outdoors

NEW YORK (AP) — An effective way to say "Happy Holiday" to neighbors and passers-by is with outdoor decorations.

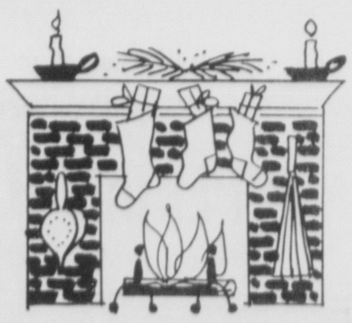
Decorating your home and garden also provides you with the opportunity to use your own artistry, originality and ingenuity.

To help you get started, General Electric has prepared a booklet entitled, "22 Ideas to help you light up for Christmas". Included are pictures and instructions on how to make certain holiday forms. There is also a checklist with 13 basic suggestions for safer, more attractive and trouble-free decorations.

Single copies of the booklet may be obtained free of cost by writing to: Inquiry Bureau, Department 8-0296, General Electric Company, Lamp Division, Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio 44112.

Crayons, paint sets, coloring books, tops, yo-yos, tiny stuffed animals, playing cards, little puzzles and games prove to be delightful stocking stuffers for both brother and sis.

Especially for the boys, stockings can be filled with tiny model-cars to add to a set, plastic frontiersmen and horses, balls, miniature electric train cars and small model kits.



Holiday Greetings

We're hanging our good wishes on the mantle with care. "Thanks" for your loyal patronage can also be found there.

ROBO CAR WASH
118 MISSOURI SIKESTON,MO.

Nursery school specialists decide fate of toys in unique laboratory

In the corporate corridors of a major company in East Aurora, N.Y., the fate of a million dollar production is often decided by the outcome of experiments in a unique laboratory.

Fisher-Price, the world's largest maker of pre-school toys, uses as a testing ground a full-scale State-licensed nursery school which it has installed in its Research and Development building here.

Working with children, developing safer, more acceptable toys and community service are all part of the Fisher-Price nursery school. Here, accredited teacher, pre-schooler and toy designer evaluate and discuss a toy.

How these youngsters act or react has brought about a number of major modifications in toys and killed a number of others created by what the toy industry generally regards as the finest group of designers under one company roof.

The school is on a daily basis. It has three State-licensed teachers, a research psychologist on staff, and retains as consultant Dr. Jerome Kagan, eminent Harvard psychologist and child development expert.

Clutter and giggles

The school is as about unstructured as one you'd find in your own neighborhood. There's clutter and paint spills, giggles and sleep time. And of course, toys galore. These include company toys and ones that are in the design stage along with a large variety of toys from competitors, both here and abroad. The attending experts range in age from 2½ to 5½.

Designers are on the lookout for what appeals most. What draws children to a toy most quickly, what occupies them longest. If they go to one toy over another, the designer wants to know why. If one toy occupies a child's attention more than another, the same question is asked.

"You stay there, Mister!" the young pre-schooler at Fisher-Price nursery school emphatically tells her play doll. It's sessions like this that help the toy manufacturer to develop learning, with fun, toys.

When these questions are answered the result sooner or later ends up on a company product. "Perhaps more than anything," says Robert Hicks, vice president Research and Development and the company's chief designer, "is the marvelous thing of just having the kids around. Listening to them, talking with them, watching them, keeps us constantly reminded of what our jobs are all about."

The designers have learned that colors, the brighter the better, are essential. They have found that whimsy and detail will encourage role playing and dramatic play, and in fact will not ordinarily consider a toy unless it commands an eight to ten minute attention span. An extraordinary standard, according to child experts.

Their observations have taught them that preschoolers have not yet mastered the simple art of using their fingers. Instead they use fists to pick things up or turn things. Accordingly, openings in Fisher-Price toys are made larger to accept little fists.

Cranks taboo

Cranks that require more manipulation than youngsters can manage are strictly taboo. So knobs that tiny fists can handle are all you'll see on windup toys the company makes.

Although the school has been in operation a relatively short time, the children have already made valuable contributions. A prototype of an ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) Explorer riding toy was being treated too much as a stationary toy by these experts.

When they did use it to ride on, they invariably employed their own sound effects to make the sound of a revving motor. Noting this, designers added a lever that worked back and forth to produce an engine sound.

Thus another play action was added and the value of dramatic play enhanced via the engine sound. Simple! That toy was one of the company's top sellers this past year.

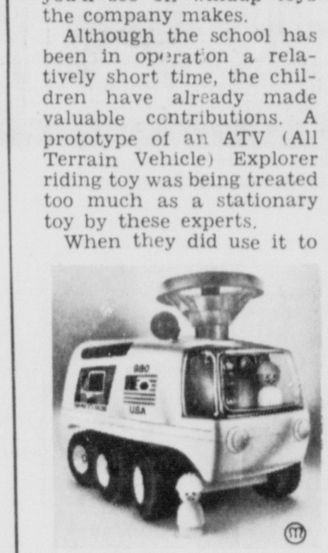
In another instance, one of the designers, Peter Reiling, got an idea for a toy while on a boat trip a few summers back. A mock-up of a houseboat was put together and presented to the children.

One of the most important modifications they dictated along the way came about in this manner. Included with the boat is a set of little whimsical spool-like Play Family figures. When you're on a boat, you naturally jump into the water when you can. In every session with the toy, the children had Mommy and Daddy and Butch along with the rest jumping from the boat deck into the water. No question a spring board had to be added. It is now one of the houseboat's key features.

The company's School Days Desk, which is new this year, went through a number of even more drastic changes. The toy started out as an advertising billboard. It was to be presented with a set of magnetic letters that would enable children to construct words, an educational plus.

Worries of the marketing group over negative attitudes in the marketplace against advertising, and more specifically outdoor signs, killed it. It was reasoned, however, that a good writing/spelling toy was badly needed.

At a series of sessions with designers the point was made that preschool children want very badly to go to school. Why not a school desk? But then children generally tend to veer away from anything too obviously educational.



ATV — got sound because youngsters questioned, why not?

Unique idea — a houseboat with a diving board because the youngsters discovered it would be fun.

Old-Fashioned Christmas Wishes

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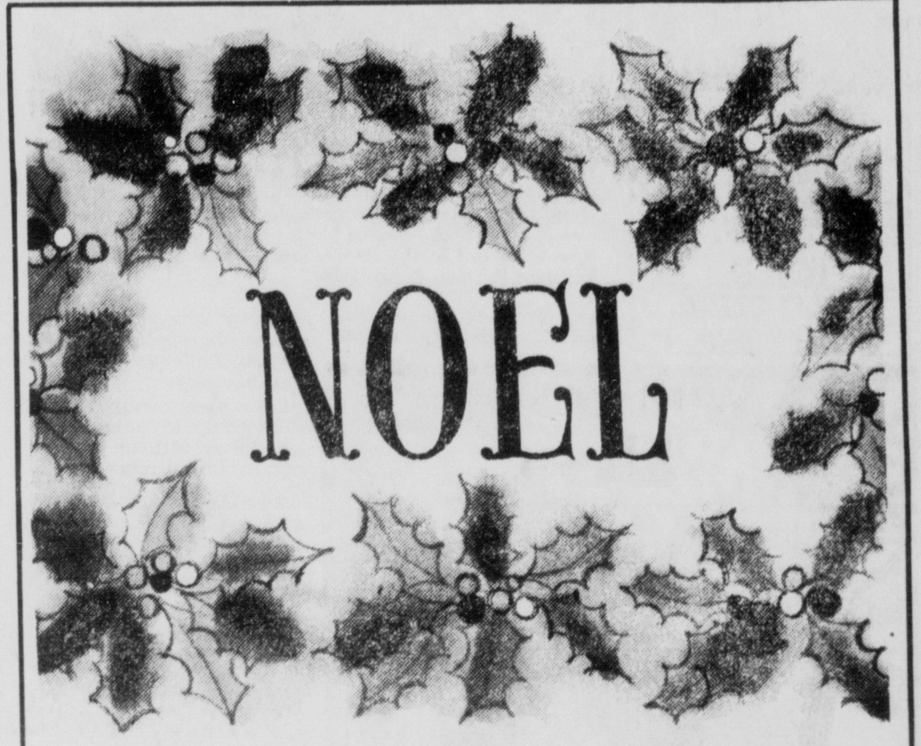

Joy to All Our Friends at This Most Blessed Time

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In the Spirit of Christmas

It's the season of His birth. Let us rejoice in loving adoration as we celebrate and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

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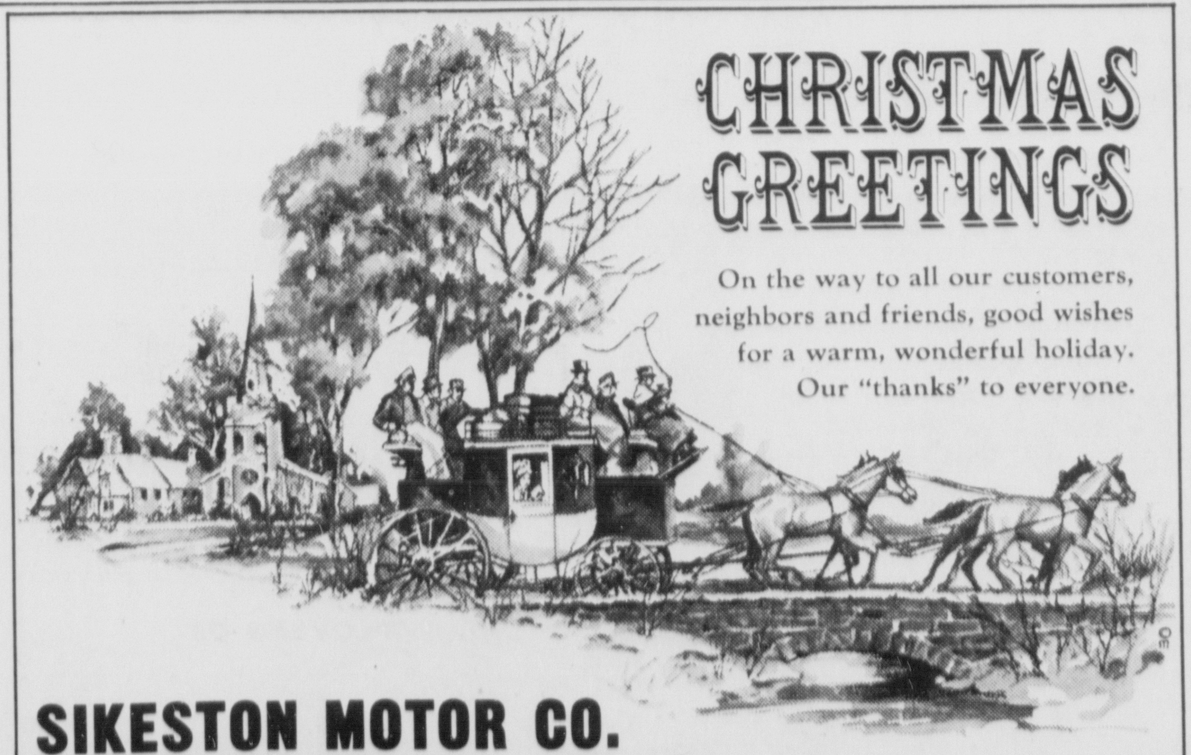


SIKESTON MOTOR CO.

SIKESTON, MO.

Glorious presents in warm, richly textured, glowing gold, brilliantly jewelled, make for more elegant Yule triumphs

Package your Christmas wishes in one spectacular gift and you'll make this a holiday season to remember, promises the Jewelry Industry Council. Precious gifts for your precious people is the spectacular gift match that does it.

Diamonds delight her . . . especially at Christmastime, when their spectacular shine fits right into the season's splendor. Here, small diamonds are sprinkled over a lacy flower pin, earrings and ring, bringing her a treasure of happiness from a Santa advised by the Jewelry Industry Council. All Jewelry by Oscar Heyman & Bros., Inc.

A Christmas classic . . . is the four graduated strands of cultured pearls filling in her party neckline, thinks the Jewelry Industry Council. Flowering pearls at her ears and innocently deceptive baby bangles that row cultured pearls and sapphires together are the finishing touches to her classic holiday portrait. All Jewelry by Imperial Pearl Syndicate, Inc.

Karat gold in all its abundant ways, warm, glowing and richly textured; sterling silver with its pristine shine; diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires and cultured pearls: there's a triumph of jewelry designs available using any or all of these precious metals and gems. Surely some of them can bring happiness to Christmas stockings of your choice!

Classic elegance

The women on your list are classically elegant and exceptionally aware of their flourishing femininity this Yuletide. Grace them with the unmatchable beauty of precious jewelry deservingly made for them.

In your favorite jewelry store you'll find such gifts happily representative of every budget in Santa's bag, from simple and delicate flower pins and budding earrings to magnificent bibs and rings heaped with gems.

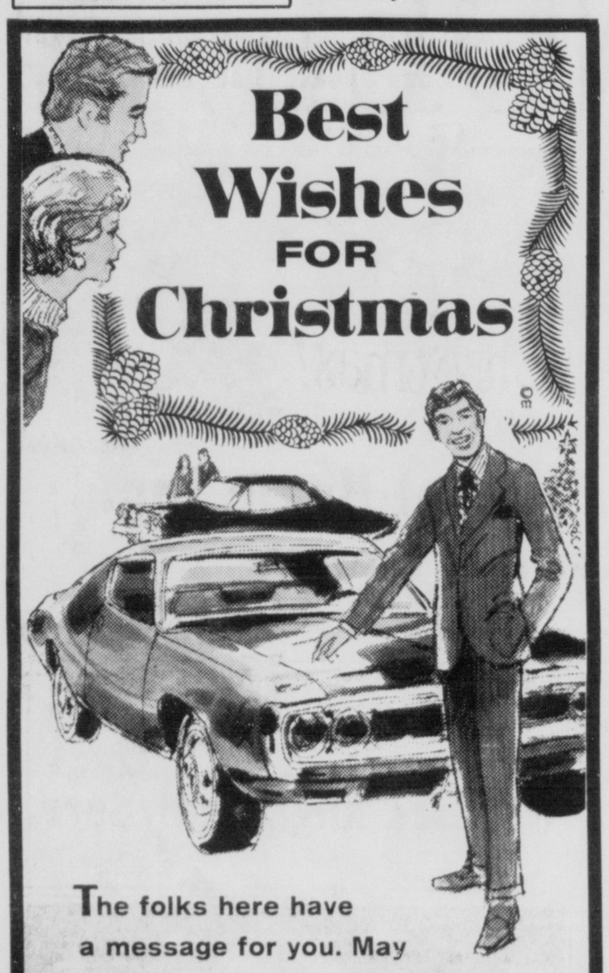
Pearls are piquant pleasers Santa can rely on unerringly because they are so much in season this classic holiday season. Pearls in graduated layers, punctuated by color from precious and semi-precious stones, giftwrap her throat in sensuousness.

A pearl pin can hang from a neck wire to become an unusual pendant for a special holiday party. To-the-knuckle rings, swinging tassel earrings and rows of bracelets add dazzlement to a dazzling lady and make pearls her gift of great prize.

Christmas Wishes

Our holiday mail call — joy to our friends.

LYNN F. INGRAM
CIRCUIT CLERK
BENTON, MO.



Best Wishes FOR Christmas

The folks here have a message for you. May the season roll in with joy and peace. For the patronage shown us... thanks.

JARVIS MOTOR CO.
SIKESTON, MO.

Look to the hosiery department for gifts of fashion for every woman

Look to the hosiery department for prime gift inspiration this Christmas. Innovative new styles in panty hose and body suits offer easy choices for puzzled Santas who want to win delighted thanks from the ladies on their gift list.

At long last the girls 5'8" and over have their special panty hose styles by Burlington, custom fitted to flatter their long legs. For the first time there's a special Tall Girl All Sheer Cantrece panty hose style for festive occasions — a logical boon to all the long stemmed American beauties who love parties quite as much as their less generously proportioned sisters.

There are Tall Girl Opaque and Brief Top panty hose styles, too, and the colors available for tall girls, for the first time, include adventurous fashion shades.

A wardrobe of Brief Top panty hose styles make a glamor gift for any lady on the Christmas list.

Until recently panty hose followed the long trunk design of panties, vintage World War II. Brief Top is an elegant new concept with a tiny bit of panty knitted on smoothly at the waistband, so legs present an elegant look, no matter where skirts may escalate. And the Brief Top precisely matches the briefs you've been wearing underneath.

For a very special gift, consider a JetSetter, a high style tote bag filled with Luxury Sheer Brief Top panty hose, made with a new kind of Caress yarn which feels and clings like silk. It's the most in ego building elegance.

Body suits this Yule are designed to speak a universal language. Dressmaker details make the new Bodies by Burlington becoming to most figures.

Here's a perfect complement for the short dinner dress — Brief Top panty hose by Burlington with a tiny bit of panty knitted on smoothly at the waistband, as abbreviated as the briefs you've been wearing underneath for ever so long. For Christmas there's a whole collection of Brief Top styles to choose from — all assuring an elegant view of legs no matter where skirts may escalate. It's the new look in panty hose that makes the traditional trunk line look old fashioned.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

At holiday-time, we take pleasure in remembering your friendship and loyalty . . . remembering too, the joys of old-fashioned festivities in the hope that they are now yours.

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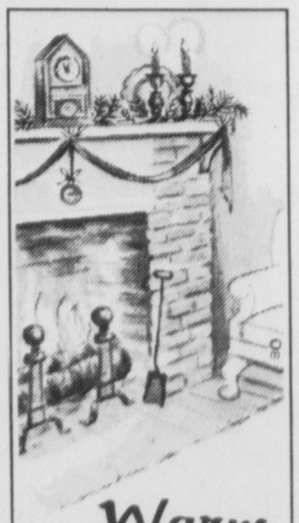

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The Daily Standard,
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Sat. & Mon. December
23 & 25, 1972

Boasting a separate ascot in pink monotone this robe above, designed by Bill Tice for Royal, is made of Celanese Arnel® triacetate and nylon fleece with silk satin trim.

Ski sweaters in a wide array of styles, colors and weights remain the top choice for warmth and durability in winter sports activities. The wide rib pattern is made of 100 per cent wool and is available at about $22 at most Sears stores or through the company's catalog.

Ski sweaters splash slopes with color

From Breckenridge to Sugarbush, today's ski sweaters are splashing the slopes with bright colors, bold stripes and high fashion. But besides being stylish, the classic ski sweaters have become one of the most versatile garments for the winter sports enthusiast.

The traditional sweaters have blossomed with a variety of styles, patterns and weights that provide feminine fashion for the ladies and rugged styling for the men. And all have two things in common—warmth and comfort.

According to Othmar Schneider, famed Olympic skier and member of Sears Sports Advisory Staff, a quality ski sweater should have certain features. "A top-notch ski sweater should have tapered sleeves to minimize bulk, and cut slightly larger around the bottom for freedom of movement. Also, a flat knit at the cuffs and bottom gives smoother lines."

Wool, he states, can't be beat for warmth, durability and shrugging off wet snow.

Today's ski sweaters are being used more and more for other winter sports, too. They're ideal for snowmobiling, winter camping, hockey or for just a stroll in the winter woods.

And a good sweater is just as handy for something as tame as walking to the corner store on a nippy afternoon.

Don't forget about apres ski activities. There is nothing quite like snuggling up near the fireplace with a group of friends . . . especially when you're relaxing in style.

Fashions add flair to youngster's holidays

As the holidays approach, thoughts of bright decorations, fun parties, tree-trimming get-togethers and gift exchanges dominate the minds of young people. And dressing up for these events will be just as much an adventure for the season.

This year, styles are suited to all occasions, combining flair with function in go-anywhere, do-anything clothes.

For little ladies, Christmas "lights" will be soft, pastel shades in solids or color complementing patterns, with dresses featuring lots of lace, ribbon trims and all the important feminine frills.

For boys, fashions mirror a very grown-up look. Double-knit blazers with contrast stitching, flared slacks in subtle patterns and handsome turtleneck shirts are all part of the young men's scene, reflecting a mood of quiet elegance.

Moreover, their friend Winnie-the-Pooh has all the right answers for Mom this season with the exclusive, designer-styled Sears collection in Perma-Prest polyester blends for easy care and wear.

An occasional fall or food spill at the dinner table will not put a damper on the holiday spirit as the clothes go right into the washing machine, ready for another "angelic" wearing.

Christmas comes but once a year, so make the best of it with styles which define the season's trends, and keep that fresh, crisp look with fabrics designed to make the season more enjoyable for the whole family.

Sport gifts keep Santa in shape

Hail Santa the sportsman!

This year saluting that special Santa takes on a healthful approach. Every man's a sportsman to some degree.

He may not be a three-times-a-week golfer, or an every day fisherman, but in all probability he does have a favorite interest.

Even if he's an armchair athlete, Santa can be outfitted with some very special gifts, oriented to his appreciation of sports.

With daily pressures taking a toll on many Santa's "Yule Time Spirit," a novel gift might be to arrange a short vacation for him. Many resorts have special weekend package plans geared especially to sports.

Another suggestion might be to supply him with tickets to his favorite team's big game.

Of course, if he is a real practicing athlete, he might like additions to his sporting gear. Some careful detection work here can determine what he needs.

First of all check his present equipment. Usually, any self-appointed Sherlock Holmes can easily determine the condition of Santa's sporting gear.

As a rule of thumb, if the equipment is over three years old, chances are that he can probably use new gear.

One note of caution. If the equipment has to be custom made or sized, it might be better to wait till after Christmas for the actual purchase. In this case, handy gift certificates, cleverly wrapped, allow Santa's helpers to gift him, yet let him select the correct item.

In any event, giving sporting equipment to that special man for Christmas can mean a more healthful, and happy Santa the whole year 'round.

And, while shopping for sports equipment for that special Santa, why not consider his wife, and select matching gear for her, too.

IN THE STOCKINGS

Little girls love to discover tiny trinkets, little dolls and dolly accessories, toiletries, hair care items, doll house furnishings.

THEY MAKE THEIR OWN

What to give the people who like to do it themselves, the gal who sews all her own clothes, the young man who tools his own leather belts and sandals.

No matter what they do, they need the material to do it with, and they'd be delighted to find these necessities under their trees on Christmas morning.

Kits for needle point, petit point, or gros point are available for everything from a dainty evening bag to a room-size rug.

If mother loves to make clothes, give her a hint by wrapping a pattern and material together for something she can make for you.

Macrame kits, things to embroider, jewelry kits, all will be welcomed by the do-it-yoruselfer.

And don't forget—it's not just women who are plying needles; men have joined the ranks of stitchers who are making beautiful things for beautiful people.

Whether she's entertaining on Christmas Day or after New Year's, she'll want to do so in a handsome new robe. Above done in Celanese Arnel® triacetate and nylon fleece, as designed by Bill Tice for Royal. Available in navy with rose trim.

Here's how to find his correct shirt size

Has Dad been hinting for a new double knit dress shirt for Christmas? And you don't know what size to order? Here's how to find out the right size. Check through his other shirts.

Both neck and sleeve measurements are imprinted on the inside of the collar bands. A typical marking would be 15-34. The 15 is the collar size; 34 is the sleeve length.

MAGIC GIFTS

The gifts brought by the Wise Men all had magical associations: gold for the sun mystery, frankincense as the smoke-maker, and myrrh, the healer.

Greetings

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the blessings of this joyous season surround you. May your holiday be merry and your happiness enduring.

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Greetings

May the spirit of Christmas be an ever-present joy to you.

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New Games

NEW YORK (AP) — New games range from real life replays to totally fantastic competitions, all designed with emphasis on fast action and broad age appeal to help bridge the generation gap.

In the real life category is Flight Captain, a round the world jet liner racing game which makes each player a captain in command of four 747 jets. Jet take-offs are from JFK, Heathrow, London, Hellinkon, Athens and Haneda, Tokyo. Scenes typical of each country decorate the playing board adjacent to the international airports to emphasize the world travel theme. Another new version of the travel game concept, Cooks Tours sends players off to the ends of the earth. Snap Shot, a new memory game tests visual recall, as players look at cards and try to remember which are missing.

The fastest playing new word game is Head to Head which speeds up action by dividing the board into half. Each player rushes simultaneously to build words on his side of the board, endeavoring to cover squares with maximum numerical value. Scrabble has a new version to help pre-schoolers to learn the ABCs. In-word provides stiff competition for anagram fans as does On Words.

Brainstorm brings an exciting new twist to traditional Tic-Tac-Toe by use of as many cubes as possible to build highest scoring three-in-a row combinations.

Chaos stimulates powers of concentration with plastic discs which superficially appear identical.

In the realm of fantasy is Arabian Nights Flying Carpet game where, of course, players make wishes as they rub Aladdin's Lamp.

That international chance-taking favorite, Yahtzee, bows this season in a new version, "Triple Yantzee", with three times the chance taking potential.

Catering to big game lovers are a series of new sports games sponsored by superstars in football, baseball, basketball and hockey. Bob Lilly, hero of the Dallas Cowboys, Jim Plunkett of the New England Patriots each sponsor electric football games.

Screech is an eerie new game played in the dark with a battery powered owl as the spinner.

Underseas World uses fish as playing pieces, each player tries to fill his own acquarium.

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THE NATIVITY — a detail of the altar frontal at The Cloisters. German tapestry, dating from third quarter of the 15th Century. From the Life of the Virgin. Done in wool, silk, and metallic threads on a linen warp. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Charles F. Ikle.

RONDEL, Adoration of the Magi. This 16th Century Spanish tapestry in the unusual round shape is embroidered in silk and metal thread on canvas. Its actual diameter is just 12⅛ inches. From The Metropolitan Museum of Art, purchase, Rogers Fund.

Games win favor as adult gifts

Choice of games as Christmas gifts for adults appears to be a mighty safe bet. A recent study shows that sale of adult games has risen 40 to 50 percent during the past three years, with women doing most of the choosing.

"Brain tester" games are reported to be among the most popular, while electronic "gambling" games are gaining in appeal.

Uniquely confirming the wise choice of games as gifts is the rise in purchases by individuals for their own use.

ROOM SWEETNER

After a holiday party, freshen your home inexpensively by putting one teaspoon of ammonia in a large bowl of water and leaving it in the living room overnight. This is especially good for dispelling the odor of cigarette smoke.

Christmas Blessings

May the blessings of the Holy Christmas season shine on you now and always.

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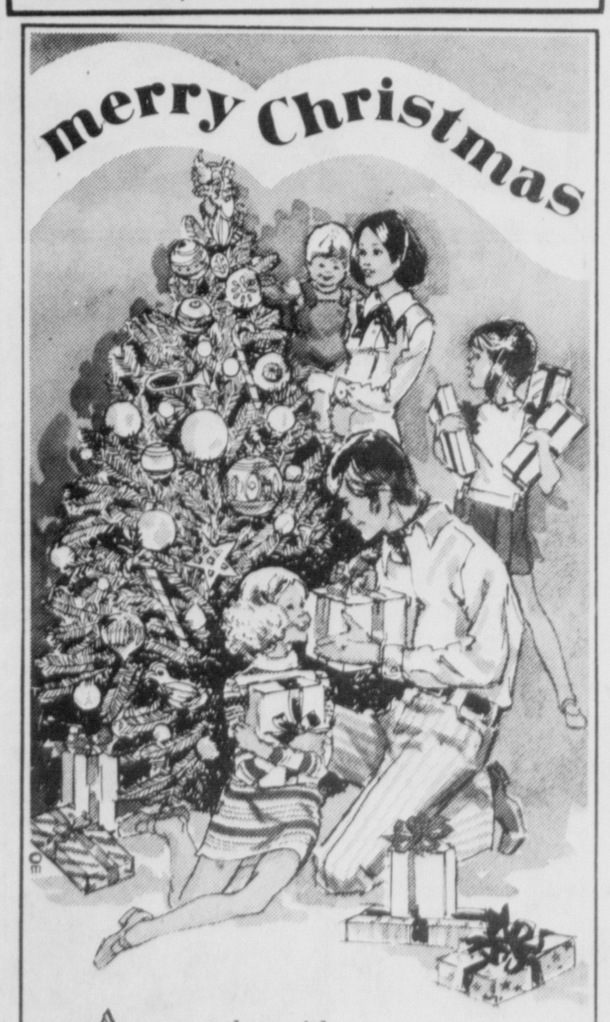

As you gather with your dear ones around the Christmas tree, accept our heartfelt wishes for a wonderful holiday.

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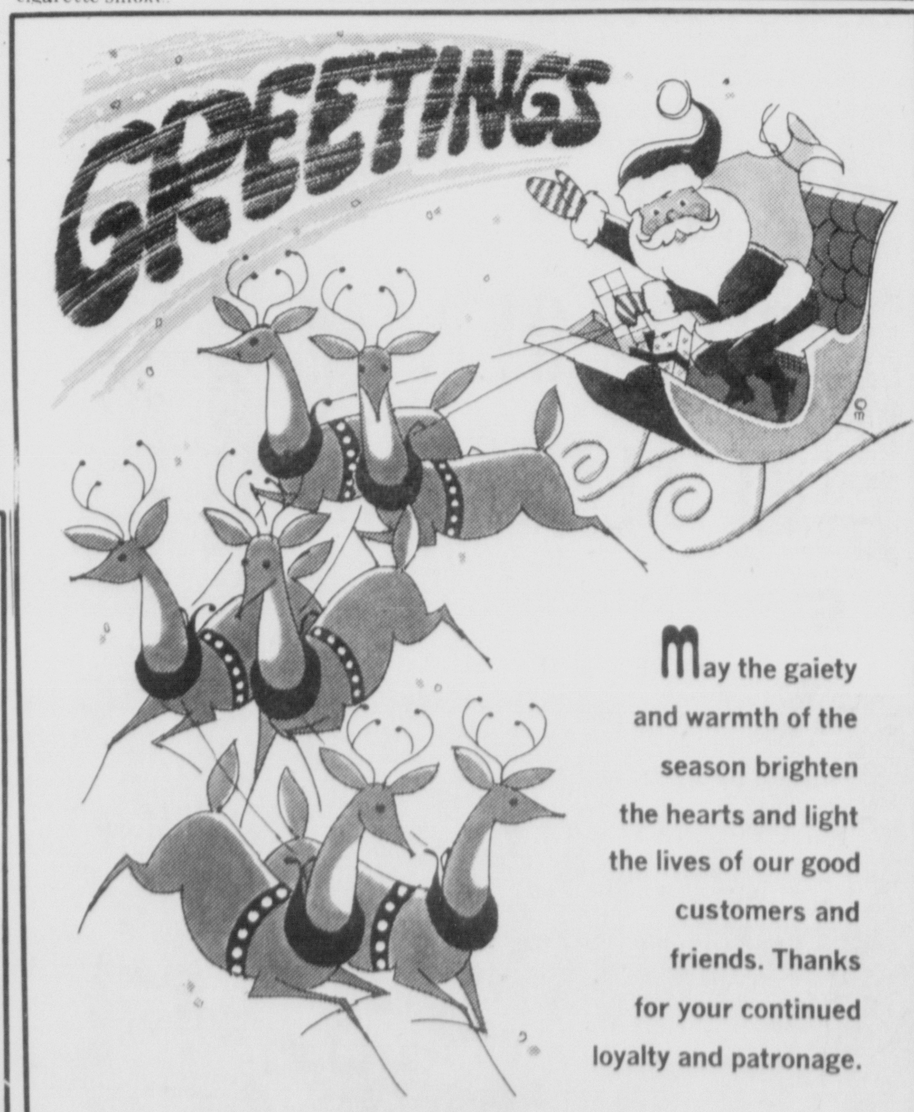
New Cards Personable

NEW YORK (AP) — The Christmas cards you send or get this year may unfold into full-size posters, be held together by yarn, come without an envelope or double as dimensional Christmas tree ornaments.

GREETINGS



May the gaiety and warmth of the season brighten the hearts and light the lives of our good customers and friends. Thanks for your continued loyalty and patronage.

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Jesus Is Influenced by Father's Training

Editor's note: This is the last article of a five-part Christmas series about the carpenter Joseph and his influence on the young Jesus.

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

Straining hard, Joseph hoisted the huge beam above his head and lowered it into the notched pillars. He was a muscular, toil-toughened man with gnarled, gristly hands and a back of iron. He was a "naggar," as his native Aramaic tongue called it, a builder and worker in wood.

Out of his sweat, skill and care, he set the model of manhood for Jesus, the young son who labored with him.

Although rarely noted, this was the powerful influence from which Jesus drew his singularly trusting and intimate imagery of God as "our Father," a nuance and phrasing previously unheard of in the Judaism of that day in referring to the Almighty.

For Jesus, that "father figure" and its connotations of great strength, dependability and unwavering personal affection derived from the one who filled that earthly responsibility for him and who reared him from boyhood, the carpenter and joiner of Nazareth, Joseph.

He left a deep imprint. In the culture of that time, the father held unchallenged sway over his household, a patriarch whose authority was unquestionable and who was responsible for guiding his family.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," scripture counseled Jewish fathers. And Joseph held firmly to the tenets of that bedrock faith.

He was a poor, rugged but resourceful man, a woodchip behind his ear as a sign of his trade, a scarred leather apron tied across his waist. Beside him worked the young Jesus, an apprentice in the craft, subject to him.

"Just as it is necessary to feed one's son, so it is necessary to teach him a manual trade," the rabbis taught, and Joseph followed that tradition with Jesus.

In the customs of that period, a male son remained in the mother's care until the age of 5, when the father took over the child's training, both religiously and vocationally. The "carpenter's son," the villagers called Jesus.

The older man and youngster became steady partners, in toil and private talk. Theirs was a long, close-knit comradeship, fashioned by the force of common necessity to labor for provisioning their table.

Joseph, after lifting the wall joist into place, boosted the boy of 12 athwart it to nail it fast, instructing him on how to slant the iron spikes. The heavy joists would support rafters to hold up a roof of clay.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain," went an old maxim of Joseph's heritage. But "an artisan in his work need not defer to the greatest of doctors. Whatever your work, commit it to the Lord, and your plan will be established."

Throughout the years of Jesus' growing up, he spent most of his waking hours with Joseph, learning to manage wood, to choose materials, to calculate sizes and shapes, to mitre a joint, to dowel a table, to taper a wheelspoke to a hub.

The pair often went into the forests of sycamore, cypress and firs to fetch raw timber, Joseph teaching the youth to wield an axe, to cut low to avoid stump waste, how to govern the tree fall so it would drop in a clearing and not damage other trees.

Together they would carry the big logs back to Joseph's workshed to saw them into slabs, dress them and work them, making carts, chests, doors, buckets, yokes and wooden plowshares tipped with iron.

"Father, how is this frame braced?" The questions and directions would flow to and fro as they worked, the sawdust and shavings piling up beneath their bare feet. "Hand me an awl." "Here, turn the crank while I hold the drill."

Their callused hands often were bruised and nicked from blade or hammer.

A father's tutelage also instilled the son with the history and teachings of Judaism, its special mandate as light-bearer to the world, its law and prophets as commanded in scripture:

"These words ... shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

The nub of these precepts, from which Jesus would often quote later, was in the great Shema, a prayer of commitment spoken morning and night and contained in a small box of parchment attached to the doorpost of each Jewish home.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord," the words read. "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Each day as Joseph and Jesus left the house in Nazareth, they would touch the mezuza containing that vow and then put their fingers to their lips.

Similar texts were inscribed in small cases on leather bands, the phylacteries, which they wore tied about their heads and to their left hands at Sabbath worship when Jesus and Joseph sat together in fringed coats. Mary occupied a separate women's section.

"How goodly are thy tents ... O Lord," they would sing as they set out for the village synagogue.

Occasionally, after the lifting of the scroll of scripture from the ark and bell-ringing procession with it, Joseph would be summoned to the central desk, the tebah, to read the day's lesson, while an admiring Jesus sat listening.

As a youth, Jesus also doubtlessly attended the synagogue school, the "Bet Hakeneset," sitting cross-legged on a floor mat with other boys in a bare, rectangular room decorated only with the Star of David and the seven-branched menorah. The "chazzan" taught from a front bench.

Ancient nonscriptural accounts tell of Jesus' childhood problems and play, of his molding clay birds by a brook, of his confounding teachers and Joseph's defense of him, of his being falsely accused of pushing a playmate, Zeno, off a roof, of his breaking a water pitcher and once getting his ear wrung by Joseph. But the two showed constant devotion to each other.

Their household hummed day-long with benedictions. Every action brought forth a blessing of God for it, on awakening, on dressing, on tying a sandal, at meals, for work, for thunder and sun, on going to bed. All existence was acclaimed sacred.

"Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God, King of the universe who hast made thy world ... who has produced goodly creatures ... who createst fragrant woods ... who givest food ... who bestowest loving kindness ... who hast made firm the steps of man."

On the first Sabbath of his 14th year, Jesus reached the time for his bar mitzvah, his coming of age as a "son of the Torah," a "man of duty," taking up adult religious responsibilities.

"I summon to the honor of the Torah our young brother, ha-gadol Yeshua," said the presiding elder after unrolling the scroll on the tebah. "Let the young man come up! May the Lord strengthen, bless and keep him."

It was the first occasion for Jesus to don the tallith or prayer shawl, lead the congregational prayers and read the day's scripture passages. It has been speculated that he read from the prophet Zechariah including these phrases:

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for lo, I come and I will dwell in the midst of you, says the Lord. And many nations shall join themselves to me in that day, and shall be my people ... Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

Afterward came the well-wishing of neighbors and proud parents. Jesus had entered maturity but he remained for years in close association with Joseph, becoming known as a carpenter himself before he began his ministry at the age of 30.

Together, their toolsacks slung over their shoulders, the two men kept to the rhythms of the rustic life around them, delivering finished items at houses in Nazareth, repairing gates, threshing boards and presses on nearby farms.

They watched women grinding corn, sewing, measuring meal, leavening dough, activities familiar in Jesus' later illustrations. They mingled with farmers sowing grain, digging out tares in the wheat, hunting a lost sheep. They gazed at lilies of the field, a circling eagle, a fox's hole and bird's nest, chatted with children, all of these subsequently flavoring Jesus' teaching.

Sometime before Jesus' ministry began, Joseph died. The old accounts describe him as becoming weak, cold and stiff. Jesus helped him lie down on a mat of straw and sat cradling his head, stroking his brow, as Joseph uttered his final words, "Oh my child, my Jesus."

Although Jesus was born of Mary, it was Joseph who shaped the man. It was Joseph who found shelter at his birth on that first Christmas, who shielded him from danger, who earned his bread, who trained him in work, nurtured him in faith. It was Joseph who reared the one regarded by generations since as manifesting the ways of God to humanity. And to do that, Jesus turned to a tender, personal name whose meaning rang so strong in him — "Father."

What's the law?

The case of the burned up car

By Jack Strauss, LL.B.

Manny bought a new car that was so streamlined you couldn't tell whether it was coming or going. Where it went, however, was up in smoke. As he turned on the ignition a defective switch caused a fire and , by the time it was brought under control, there was nothing left of Mann's pride and joy but fond memories. The car was totally burned to a crisp.

Racing back to where he bought the car, Manny demanded a new one under the dealer's written warranty.

"Sorry," he was told, "but, our warrantly only guaranteed that the automobile was free of defects in materials and workmanship. "What's more," he added, "it specifically limited our responsibility to the replacement of defective parts. Consequently, while you may be entitled to a new switch, you certainly aren't entitled to a new car."

"That's the craziest thing I ever heard of," was Manny's answer. "What's the good of a switch without a car. It's like a filling without a tooth. Obviously, since the defective switch caused my car to burn up, I'm entitled to a new one under the warranty."

IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, would you require the dealer to give carless Manny a new automobile?

This is how the judge ruled: NO! The judge held that all Manny was entitled to was a new switch. In so holding, the judge noted that the language of the warrantly was clear, to wit; that all the dealer was required to do under it was to replace defective parts. While the switch was defective, concluded the judge, the car was not.

(Based upon a 1961 Washington Supreme Court Decision)

Rubella declines

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — The National Center for Disease Control has reported a 44 per cent decline over last year in German measles. Known medically as rubella, the disease causes defects in unborn children.

The CDC reported Monday that it has recorded 21,424 cases of rubella during the first 39 weeks of this year, crediting the 44 per cent decline from last year to a five- year vaccination campaign begun in 1969.

Although the disease generally affects children only mildly, they are major carriers of the infection to pregnant women and have been targeted for vaccination to prevent an epidemic similar to one in 1963-65.

In those years, the CDC said, 30,000 "rubella babies" were born with such defects as blindness, deafness, brain damage and congenital crippling. Another 30,000 pregnancies ended in miscarriages or stillbirths.

The CDC has recorded 25 cases of rubella- caused birth defects so far this year, compared with 42 during the same period last year.

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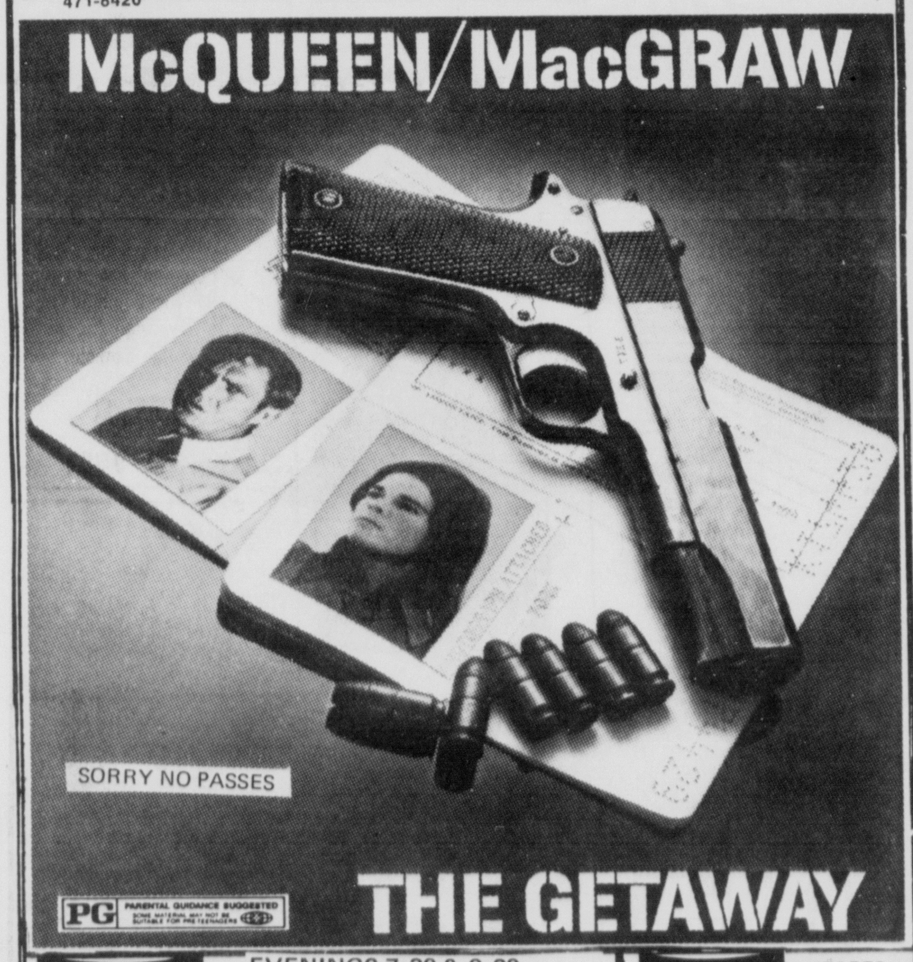

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Today In History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday Dec. 23, the 358th day of 1972. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1783, George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the American Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon in Virginia.

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland voted to cede an area 10 miles square for the seat of the national government.

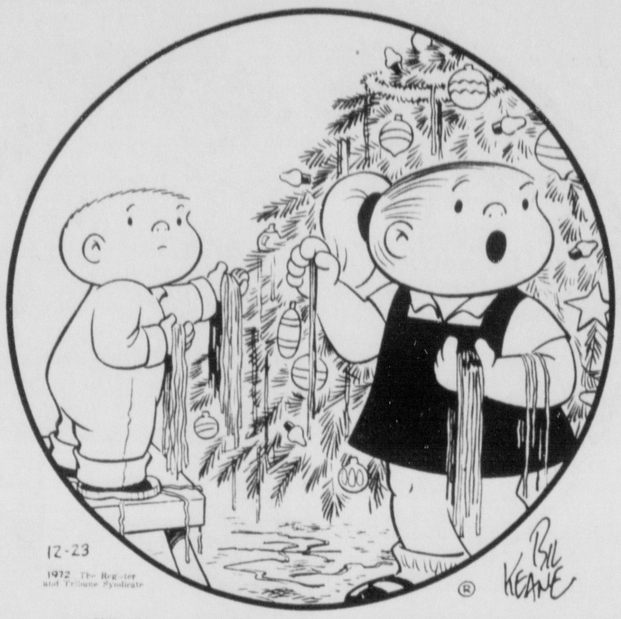
In 1805, Mormon leader Joseph Smith was born in Sharon, Vt.

In 1832, the French took the city of Antwerp and forced Holland to recognize the independence of Belgium.

In 1947, the first transistor was operated by Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, N.J. The invention revolutionized the electronics industry.

"DON'T FORGET TO TAKE THE GARBAGE ON YOUR WAY OUT, DEAR

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"P J's not putting them on one at a time."

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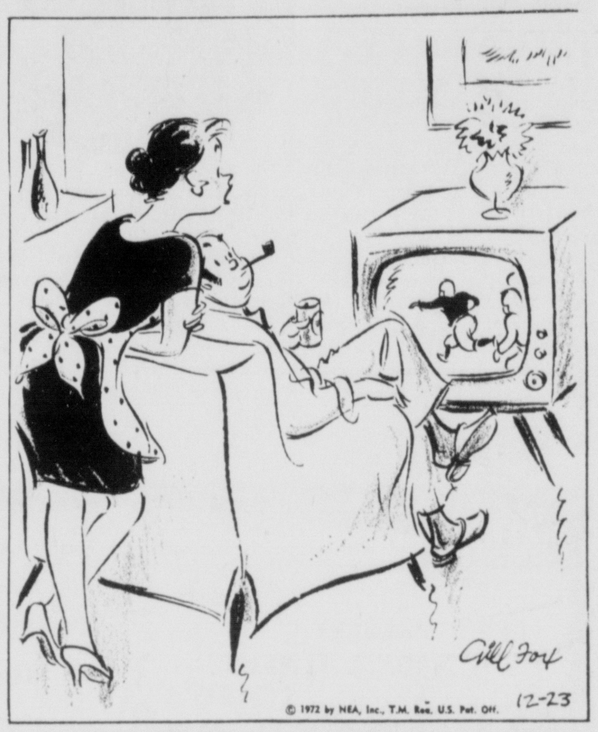

"I miss the campaign oratory. It was all that kept us from having football around the clock!"

MARY WORTH by Allen & Saunders

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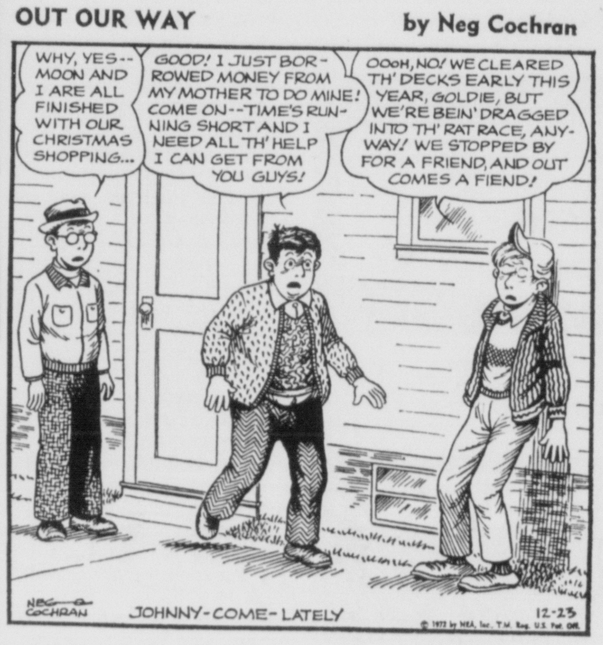
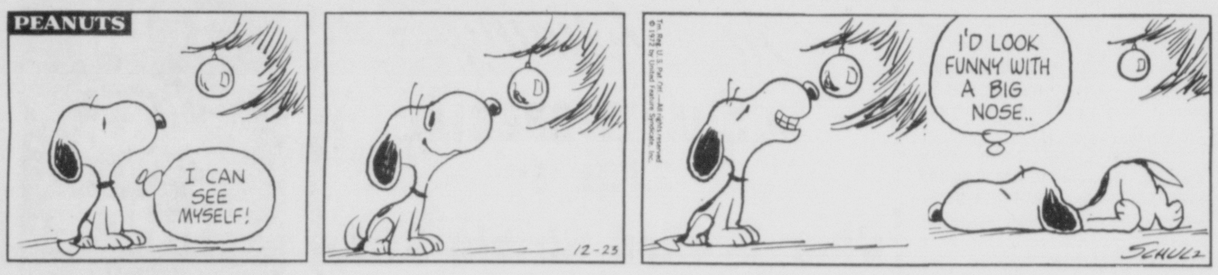


CARNIVAL by Dick Turner

"What do you mean, I never lay anything away for the future?"

"I've got things laid away in six stores right now!"

PEANUTS by Shulz



CAPTAIN EASY by Crooks and Lawrance

Literary Bit

ACROSS

1 "—— Quixote"
4 Series of volumes
8 Robin Hood's Scarlet
12 Stowe heroine
13 Tense
14 Plane surface
15 Sea (Fr.)
16 Attacker
18 Repeat appearances
20 Dispatches
21 "The ——man Cometh"
22 Macauley's "—— Porsena"
24 Imprudent
26 Wheys of milk
27 Alcott's "Little ——"
30 Set within
32 Envoy
34 One who pours tea
35 Flushes with success
36 Abstract being
37 Pedal digits
39 Hardy heroine
40 Slight tastes
41 Air (comb. form)
42 Shoot, as of grass
45 Act as chairman
49 Bestowed
51 Roman bronze
52 Tropical plant
53 Assistant
54 Race course circuit
55 Antarctic sea
56 Saintes (ab.)
57 Crafty

DOWN

1 Greek commune
2 Range part
3 Echo's beloved (myth.)
4 Fixed look
5 Alleviate
6 Scuffle
7 Depot (ab.)
8 Village in Alaska
9 Persia
10 Grant use of temporarily
11 Pillars
17 Mideast republic
19 Earthy mineral
23 Medieval kingdom
24 Mature
25 Presently
26 Sharpen a razor
27 Fabrics
28 Summers (Fr.)
29 Headland
31 Withdraw
33 —— of Hercules
38 Spirit (Fr.)
40 Vaults
41 Genus of mosquitoes
42 Cicatrix
43 Horseback game
44 Son of Seth (Bib.)
46 Counsel (dial.)
47 Transaction
48 Catch sight of
50 Short-napped fabric

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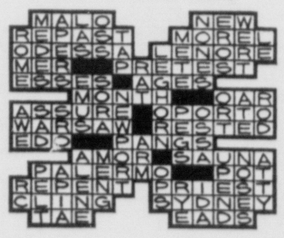

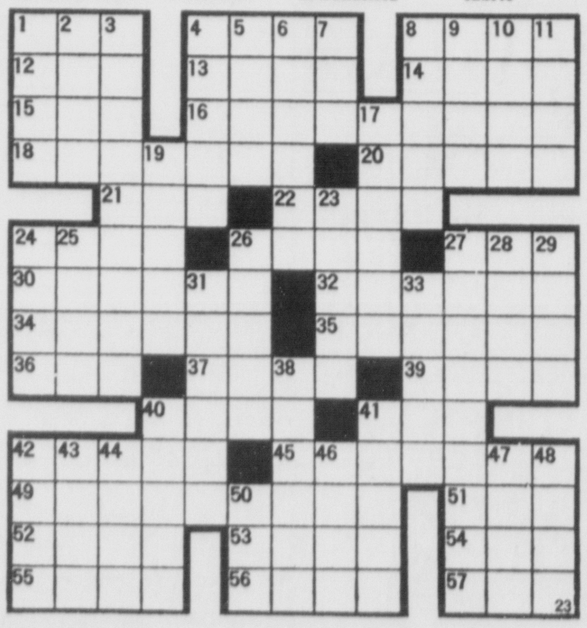

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Be	31 Offers	61 Carry	
2 Be	32 Secrets	62 Than	
3 Someone	33 Good	63 Addresses	
4 Intelligent	34 Your	64 Your	
5 Take	35 Courteous	65 Might	
6 Fine	36 Possessions	66 Arrive	
7 Don't	37 Expected	67 Rewards	
8 Check	38 Hearing	68 Confidences	
9 Give	39 Duties	69 Today	
10 If	40 And	70 Neighbors	
11 Don't	41 Reason	71 Come	
12 Firm	42 Socialize	72 Delay	
13 Careful	43 Respect	73 Today	
14 Care	44 Mailing	74 Forget	
15 Aspects	45 Your	75 Concerning	
16 People	46 The	76 No	
17 Your	47 About	77 One	
18 Opportunity	48 News	78 Money	
19 Worry	49 Efforts	79 Secure	
20 May	50 You	80 And	
21 Tell	51 With	81 Of	
22 Your	52 Expect	82 Around	
23 But	53 Rather	83 Running	
24 If	54 News	84 Granting	
25 Support	55 To	85 Ideas	
26 With	56 Views	86 Assistance	
27 Welcome	57 Deserved	87 Around	
28 Best	58 Refusals	88 Today	
29 Of	59 Doesn't	89 Request	
30 Have	60 To	90 Others	

ARIES MAR. 21 – APR. 19 — 1-13-26-36 / 50-61-82-88

TAURUS APR. 20 – MAY 20 — 11-21-32-43 / 46-68-81-90

GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 20 — 10-18-31-42 / 51-64-70

CANCER JUNE 21 – JULY 22 — 9-17-28-40 / 52-57-67

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SCORPIO OCT. 23 – NOV. 21 — 3-20-30-41 / 55-72-84-89

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22 – DEC. 21 — 2-12-23-35 / 47-58-69

CAPRICORN DEC. 22 – JAN. 19 — 4-16-27-38 / 45-56-80-85

AQUARIUS JAN. 20 – FEB. 18 — 8-22-44-63 / 74-76-77

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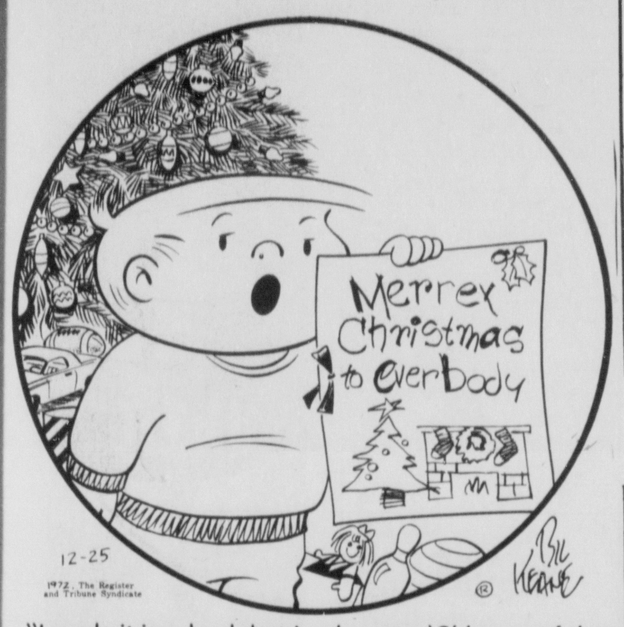
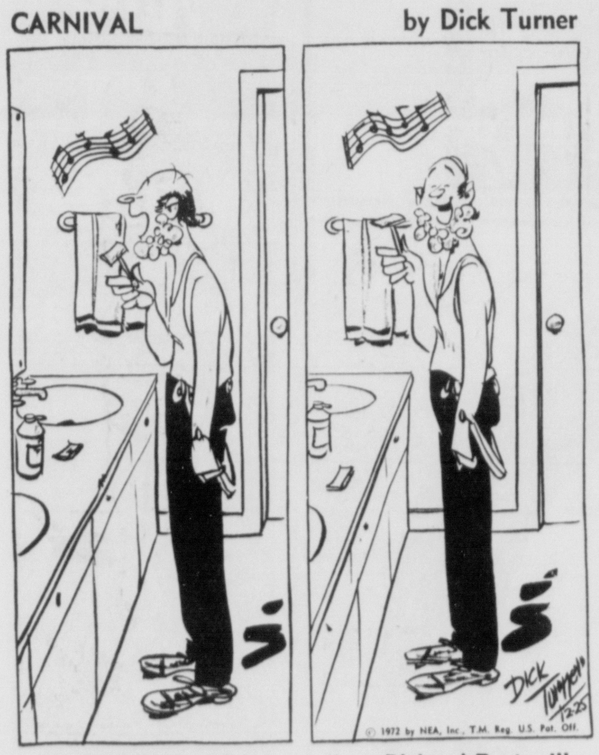


"I made it in school, but I only got a 'C' 'cause of the spelling."

SIDE GLANCES by Gill Fox

"Bert doesn't love me more than shrimp but he loves me more than chicken!"

CARNIVAL by Dick Turner



"I want a girl just like the girl that married . . ."

". . . Richard Burton!"

STAR GAZER

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Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Tuesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Act	31 Should	61 Values	
2 Hold	32 Folks	62 Activities	
3 You'll	33 For	63 Shirk	
4 Your	34 Something	64 Upward	
5 Judgment	35 Career	65 Duties	
6 Be	36 Take	66 Ahead	
7 Up	37 Energetic	67 And	
8 Fast	38 Turn	68 Your	
9 On	39 Days	69 Control	
10 Of	40 Take	70 Beliefs	
11 Romantic	41 Stand	71 End	
12 Your	42 Be	72 Public	
13 Close	43 And	73 Swing	
14 Happiness	44 Adverse	74 Good	
15 Relations	45 Firmly	75 Profit	
16 Your	46 That	76 Be	
17 Surprised	47 To	77 An	
18 With	48 An	78 Relations	
19 At	49 May	79 Important	
20 End	50 Business	80 With	
21 Companion	51 On	81 Relationship	
22 How	52 Inspires	82 Conservative	
23 Rainy	53 Business	83 And	
24 Values	54 Factors	84 For	
25 Don't	55 Known	85 Things	
26 Good	56 Be	86 Enthusiasm	
27 Aspects	57 Beyond	87 Go	
28 Smoothly	58 Interests	88 Better	
29 May	59 You	89 Partnerships	
30 Who's	60 Promises	90 Thrifty	

Good · Adverse · Neutral

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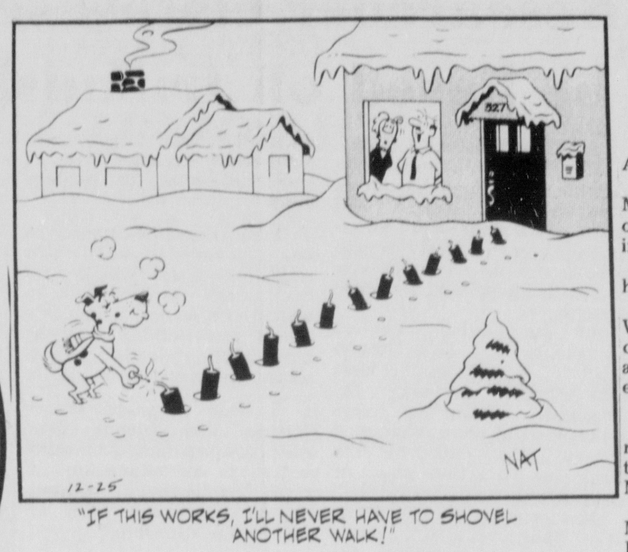

"IF THIS WORKS, I'LL NEVER HAVE TO SHOVEL ANOTHER WALK!"

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople

OUT OUR WAY by Neg Cochran

Play Is the Thing

ACROSS

1 Plays, collectively
6 One who plays a role
11 Tell
13 Paper (Latin)
14 High regard
15 Detesters
16 Conjunctions (Latin)
17 Artificial language
19 Soak up gravy
20 Skilled persons
24 Frightens
27 Expensive fur
31 Arizona city
32 Devoured
33 An act (2 wds.)
34 Staff of life
35 Used to curdle milk
37 Communion tables
38 Companies of actors
40 Article
43 One (prefix)
44 Tree fluid
47 Joining metal
50 Come
53 Apportions
54 Made clear gain
55 English novelist
56 Soothsayers

DOWN

1 Dread (Scot.)
2 Remainder
3 Altitudes (ab.)
4 Miss West
5 Dined
6 Exclamation
7 Feline animal
8 Very (Fr.)
9 Other (Sp.)
10 Coarse file
12 Gives out
13 Selected
18 Twice (prefix)
20 French land measure
21 One who works with cane
22 Triple
23 Stings
24 Leading actor
25 Grant
26 Prayer ending
28 Shrub genus
29 Close by
30 Finishes
36 Travels
37 Of bees
39 Not (prefix)
40 Russian ruler
41 Pit
42 Feminine appellation
44 Building lot
45 State positively
46 Pedestals (ab.)
48 Drainpipe die
49 Summer (Fr.)
51 Legal point
52 Route (ab.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Today In History

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Today is Christmas Day — Monday, Dec. 25, the 360th day of 1972. There are six days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1776, George Washington's troops began to cross the Delaware River to attack Hessian forces encamped at Trenton, N.J.

On this date:

In 1642, the English mathematician who discovered the law of gravity, Sir Isaac Newton, was born.

In 1786, a farmer revolt in Massachusetts known as Shays' Rebellion began.

In 1821, the woman who founded the American Red Cross, Clara Barton, was born in Oxford, Mass.

In 1935, mutinous war lords in China released Chiang Kaishek after kidnaping him and holding him 12 days.

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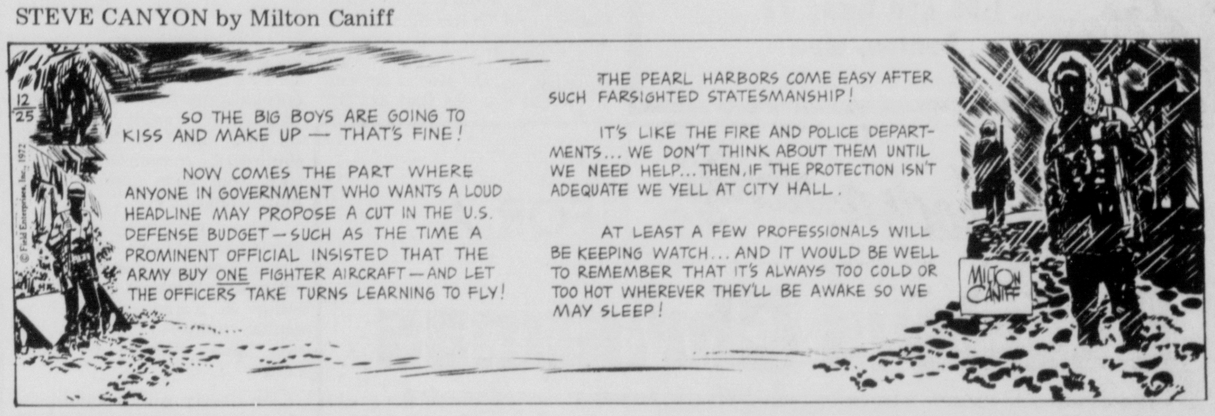

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Naval mermaids make good on highs seas

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The one-day shakedown cruise of the first Navy ship with female crew members has shown women can do the work, romance is harder to suppress than salty language and seasickness knows no sex line.

When the white hospital ship USS Sanctuary pulled into port Wednesday, there was the usual scramble down the gangplank by liberty-bound sailors. But beneath some of the foul weather gear and dungarees were 40 women who made Naval history by assuming posts alongside the vessel's 480 male crewmen.

They are part of a Naval pilot program to evaluate the use of women in every aspect of noncombat sea duty, including work as deck hands, cooks, barbers, clerks and even deck officers.

"The women do their share," said Walter Markwordt, who works with four women in the galley. "They want equality, so we give it to 'em. We've got one girl that can lift 50-pound potato sacks—no sweat."

Even on the deck, where the routine includes swabbing decks, hauling lines and removing cargo, eight women have by choice taken their place among the so-called "deck apes."

However, most women found their way to indoor desk jobs or hospital corps posts.

"It's not really equality," said freckled redhead Marilyn Tanney, who did deck work before working in the ship's laundry. "The men try to see how much you can take when you're lifting heavy things. There's no way the women can lift as much."

"It was the greatest experience, being out there on our own like a big family," said 19year-old Lisa Tigar, of Oxford, N.J. Many women, like Lisa, say their duties come first and friendship will be the extent of their relationship with male counterparts.

But Deana Trexler, a 24-yearold hospital corpswoman from Sacramento, Calif., said frankly, "We date on ship and have had several shipboard romances. A few girls even have gone through more than one guy."

The women's sanctuary aboard the ship is a bunk area guarded only by a sign reading: "Women's Quarters Occupied." Some 30 nurses aboard have similar quarters. Thus far it has not been violated by male crew.

At liberty call, a stampede of women in dungarees entered the sanctuary, then emerged minutes later perfumed and wearing dresses, some showing quite a bit of sea legs.

Up the ladders they climbed, out on deck and past the day's deck officer, Ens. Rosemary Nelson.

One young seaman said several of the women crew fell victim to mal de mer while the Sanctuary was on the relatively calm Pacific.

Researcher claims sex to be based on friendship

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)— Friendship, more than kinship, will underlie future human relations, and tomorrow's couples will engage openly in sexual relations with friends and other couples, says a British biologist and medical researcher.

In an article entitled "Sexaulity in a Zero Growth Society" in the December issue of Center Report, Dr. Alexander Comfort says today's trend toward swinging "marks the end, or the beginning of the end, of proprietary sexual attitudes."

Mate sharing, says Comfort, is a "realistic view of the needs of couples and individuals for variety" and a "recognition that the meeting of needs rather than their frustration is a gift which expresses love . . . and strengthens the primary bond."

Comfort says he expects "to see a society in which pair relationships are still central but initially less permanent, in which childbearing is seen as a special responsibility involving a special life style and in which settled couples engage openly in a wide range of sexual relations with friends, with other couples and with third parties as an expression of social intimacy, without prejudice to the primacy of their own relationship."

The old have been increasingly isolated by the decline of the kinship family, says Comfort, and would

Caged Christmas cards

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)— Stone walls do not a prison make, at last as far as Christmas greetings are concerned.

U. S. Atty. William R. Burkett and his assistant, John E. Green, have received Christmas cards with personal messages from two men they sent up to the U. S. penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. And both wished the prosecutors a merry Christmas.

Green got a message from Charles H. Parrott, former rodeo cowboy he prosecuted in 1969 for burglary of the Carney State Bank.

Burkett got his card from James Kenneth Johnson, sixtime escapee he sent up for the robbery of the State National Bank of Marlow. And Johnson added: "They call me 'Rabbit Johnson' up here. I wonder why?"

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Children's Art Carnival Creates for Christmas

The Children's Art Carnival in Harlem, in New York City, is a lively art center teeming with activity—ringing with the sound of children's voices, bursting with the color and form of their creativity. Sponsored by the Museum of Modern Art, it works with about 750 children each week, from kindergarten to high school ages, as they come to take lessons in painting, collage, sculpture, figure drawing, film making, and sewing. Some 45 public schools and 75 community organizations are participating in the program of the center.

What the children paint and create is directly related to their feelings about themselves, their family, and what goes on around them. So it is natural that the weeks prior to Christmas bring forth paintings that show Santa Claus, Christmas trees, snow scenes, and so on. They also make ornaments to hang on their own Christmas trees and decorations for the big Christmas party — for example, the creche made by the three teen-age boys shown in picture.

At the Carnival, they have discovered that the most exciting art activities for young children are those where materials are available for the child to use as he wishes, with as little interference from the teacher as possible. This freedom of action seems to be a real contribution to creativity.

The Executive Director of the Carnival is Mrs. Betty Blayton Taylor, herself a well-known black painter, who would like to see programs of this kind adopted on a national basis.

Glad Christmas Tidings

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They Still Speak Aramaic, The Language of Jesus

In the village of Ma'lula in Syria, where the houses of heavy native stone are tinted blue, one would hardly notice the passage of time since the birth of Christ, over 2000 years ago. The people have changed little, in dress and habits, and more importantly in their speech. For it is here in Ma'lula, as well as in two other villages in Syria, Jebadeen and Bakhaa, that one can hear the Aramaic language Christ used during His life on earth.

Aramaic was spoken throughout ancient Palestine, and the lands that are now Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, southern Turkey, and northern Iraq. But after the Arab conquest of these lands in the seventh century, Aramaic was gradually replaced by Arabic. In Syria, only those three villages, all in the Qalamon valley not far from Damascus, have preserved the ancient language of Christ to the present day. The population numbers only a few thousand, two-fifths of them Greek Orthodox, another two-fifths Greek, and the rest Moslem.

Philologists of the University of Beirut tell us that while the Aramaic dialect of these three villages has been intermixed with Arabic, the villagers would have understood, and been understood by, Christ and the people of His time.

Naturally, the people of Ma'lula are very proud of their Aramaic language and take pains to keep it alive and flourishing. Many families speak only Aramaic to their children until the youngsters are five years old and must go to school, where they learn Arabic, the national language.

Outside Syria, Aramaic is spoken at Urmia, in Turkey . . . by the Chaldean Catholics of Bartelle in northern Iraq . . . and by the villagers of Malabar in southwestern India. And Aramaic is still used in the liturgy of certain churches which began in the Middle East, such as the Marionites and Syrian Orthodox groups.

It's the happy time! We send our wishes for a merry season of gatherings with families and friends. And it's the time to say thanks for letting us serve you. The pleasure has been ours. We look forward to more Christmases with you.

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How to Re-Use Gift Boxes, Cans

Don't be too quick to throw out those good boxes or cartons that hold your family's Christmas gifts — you can make them into handsome containers for everything from hair rollers to sewing materials, not forgetting the canisters and cookie tins you can make out of those plastic-lidded coffee cans!

Cover your boxes and coffee cans with self-adhesive plastic, decorate them with braid or tape, and label them with cut-out letters. It's easy to do with self stick plastic — just make sure surface of box or tin is clean and dry. Then cut your plastic to fit, allowing for an overlap at seams or edges, and press it down smoothly. Or you can use fabric or gift paper, which you'll have to glue on.

It's a great way to "recycle" your boxes and cans — and you'll have attractive containers for all sorts of things, in kitchen, bathroom, or at desk or phone.

You can make a pretty pencil jug out of a juice can . . . and never again have to say, "Wait till I find a pencil," while you're talking on the phone!

Greetings! Just a friendly note to say We wish you the merriest Christmas Day!

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All About Carols

CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) — Century old carols and more recent melodies will again be combined to celebrate still another Christmas — Christmas 1972.

For those who sometimes wonder about the stories behind some of these carols, the American Music Conference offers the following:

One of the most popular traditional carols, "Joy to the World," combines four nationalities and almost 3000 years. The words, borrowed from an ancient Hebrew poet, were paraphrased by Isaac Watts, English hymn writer, in 1719. George Frideric Handel took the hymn motifs and put them into "The Messiah" (1741). In 1830, American compoer Lowell Mason, took the motifs and wrote the carol as we know it today.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" by Edmund H. Sears, an American, also began as a poem. Sears, while sitting before his fireplace watching the snow drifting down, was inspired to create a Christmas poem. This he sent to his friend, Dr. Morrison, at the Christian Register, who published it. It was later arranged by Uzziah C. Burnap to a tune by R. Storrs Willis This is one of the first carols to have an emphatic social message, emphasizing the longings of those "beneath life's crushing load."

"O Come, All Ye Faithful," also known by its Latin title "Adeste Fideles," has been translated into 125 languages. Often attributed to Bonaventura, it was actually written by an Englishman residing in France. A copier of music for Catholic institutions and families, John Francis Wade was in Douai, France, in 1744, when he was moved to write the hymn and set it to music.

Bing Crosby was responsible for introducing "White Christmas," written by Irving Berlin in 1942 for the film "Holiday Inn." The song was immediately popular and won the composer the "Oscar" for the year's best song.

Although most carols sung today are devotional in nature or festive songs of the season, earlier composers sometimes used them to comment on political, social or economic situations of the times.

In 18th Century England, one Francis Hoffman created a carol about tea — the high prices being charged and the quality of the product.

Dedicated to Queen Caroline and all the Royal Family, the carol mentions the birthplace in the manger and the miraculous presence of God "in the bush of thorn".

"Which bush of thorn appears to me

The same that yields best Peko tea:

and concludes

May all who do these truths condemn

Ne'er taste one single drop of them

Here, or in New Jerusalem"

Whether devotional in intent or just a comment on the season such as "Jingle Bells" or "Deck the Halls," carols have been an integral part of the Christmas observance since the angels first sang "Gloria in Excelseis Deo" before the manger. They constantly renew the age-old holiday observance and bridge the centuries with music.

Marzipan: Famed Holiday Sweet

Marzipan, which is basically a simple combination of almonds and sugar, is considered the peerless confection for holiday tables, all over Europe. It appears in many forms — not only exquisite bonbons, usually shaped into fruits and vegetables, but also as the delicious bittersweet ingredient in all sorts of cakes and cookies and pastries.

Marzipan has an ancient history, having been created by the Persians and Egyptians shortly after the birth of Christ. It has always been associated with elaborate dishes and decorations, especially at Christmas. Then, bakeries display cakes and cookies trimmed with holly leaves and figures of Santa Claus in colored marzipan. Some of the fine patisseries create elaborate sculptured displays showing entire scenes.

GIFT-GIVING VARIES

In most European countries, families give presents either on St. Nicholas' Day, December 6, or on Christmas Eve, or at Epiphany — January 6. Only the English and Americans customarily choose Christmas Day itself for gift-giving.

Across the ages shines the wonder of a Holy Night. May the true meaning of Christmas make your holiday bright.

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Too Many Gifts Spoil The Day Opinion of American Author

Families that used to celebrate Christmas around a gift-laden tree now sing carols around a swimming pool in the Caribbean, according to Stephan Birmingham, the author of *Our Crowd*, *The Right People*, and *The Grandees* — all studies of the rise and rites of the affluent in America.

"It's the multiplication of gifts that has chased people out of their homes," says Birmingham. "The rich Victorians gave their children simple, inexpensive presents, like a pair of roller skates or a toy bank, and each child received only one important present."

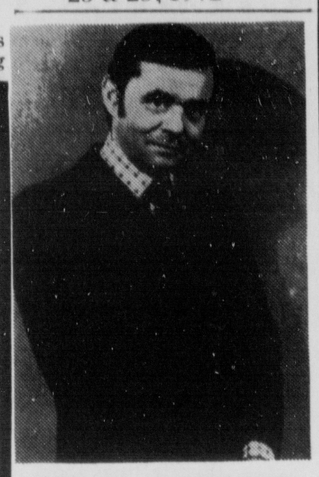
"My father," Birmingham continued, "always gave me a book chosen from his own library. My grandmother, one of the 'right people' — Gardner from Boston — made pomanders and sachets for the girls.

"Today my own family of three children is an example of what happens when parents and relatives and friends contribute to pile up presents as high as the tree. This happened the last Christmas we spent at home. It depressed my wife and me; it was truly vulgar.

"Christmas morning when, in the midst of a vast wreckage of torn paper, opened boxes, lost identification tags and already broken items, the kids demanded 'Is that all there is?', we gasped with rage, spanked them and sent them upstairs.

The author and his wife Nan, an excellent cook, follow more modern precepts of Christmas dining. He said, "I hate egg nogs. They're fattening and kill the appetite. I more enjoy something like a Campari and soda before dining, all through the year, because an aperitif is light and doesn't deaden the taste buds. But the garnet-red of Campari is so Christmasey looking, it seems especially appropriate for the holiday season."

Stephan Birmingham and his family live in Rye, N.Y. His newest book, *The Right Places*, published by Lippincott, will be released in February. He calls it an anti-New York chauvinist book.



STEPHEN BIRMINGHAM's new book, is "The Right Places", J. B. Lippincott Publishing Co. (Photo by Alex Gotfryd).

We put away the presents and parcelled them out through the months. We always refer to it as 'that terrible Christmas'."

Since then the Birminghams have traveled for Christmas to Bermuda, Puerto Rico and Mexico along with other Americans escaping the Christmas tree. "The trip is our communal present," he said. "We enjoy whatever celebrations go on wherever we are and we attend church there.

"Last year we rented a house in Mexico. The kids got symbolic gifts like the Mexican simple, economical and completely automatic.

Electronic flash has been used by professional photographers for years. You see them at every sporting event, political rally, wedding party and other activity that calls for still pictures. But you don't have to be a professional to use one, according to the leading manufacturer. Anybody can.

Honeywell, which also makes computers and probably the thermostat on your living room wall, reports that any of the 17 different models of electronic flash it currently markets will produce upwards of 10,000 flashes — enough light for 500 children, plaster lambs and chickens. My wife made a turkey stuffed only with fresh pineapple. It was the most loving Christmas all of us had experienced."

He mentioned that a small turkey is all one can get in Mexico and contrasted that with the huge feasts of the wealthy past generations in *The Right People* and even the German Jews of *Our Crowd* who often had Christmas trees.

"They had goose, turkey and roast beef, all at once; seven kinds of vegetables and five kinds of pies. Four or five wines were served at the table. Before dinner the ladies took a little sherry and the men were served Jack Rose cocktails made with apple jack."

Stop Time With A Flash

Imagine children instantaneously frozen in mid-leap as they scamper to open presents. Friends and relatives hold their laughing party poses forever. Brilliantly, colorfully time stands still.

It is not the flash of a science fiction ray gun that halts these holiday scenes. It's a new kind of flash for your camera — 20-exposure rolls of color film.

Not only that, you no longer have to worry about the exposure. Honeywell has invented flash units called Auto Strobonars that automatically calculate how much light the scene needs and deliver precisely that amount.

If the action is taking place on the other side of the room, the flash unit puts out more light energy. If it's up close, a brief wink may be enough. The flash turns itself on and off at the proper moment, leaving you to concentrate on focusing.

The cost? It ranges from $45 for Honeywell's smallest fully automatic electronic flash — about cigarette pack size — to $190 and up for big professional units. Quality non-auto flash begins at about $25.

Oh, and one last wonderful oddity about electronic flash. It's one of the few products in the world that actually thrives on use. The more you flash it, the better it likes it.

Never On Christmas

By ROBY EUNSON

NEW YORK (AP) — When you step through a red door of a small bar in the time square area of New York City, you are greeted by the friendly owner, Tony Kaarborg wishing you a hearty Merry Christmas.

There might not be anything unusual about this except that it never happens on Christmas — only on each and every other day of the year. It is particularly soothing to treat yourself to a bit of Christmas on a hot and humid New York mid-summer day.

Called Tony's Cozy Cocktail Lounge, it is comfortably cooled, dimly lighted and the lady bartender is pretty, cheerful and vigorously proficient with the cocktail shaker. Bing Crosby sings himself scratchy with renditions of his "White Christmas" on the juke box flashing red and green lights. The walls, the mirrors, the bar, the bottles are generously bedecked with all sorts of things Christmassey. For munching with drinks, the house provides baskets of walnuts and candy canes.

Coats and ties are required for such a festive surrounding. Drinks recommended by Santa and Tony are: Santa's Special, Egg Nog, Hot Toddy and Irish Coffee. Steaming meat balls are served which the owner indicates are made of venison.

Customers who drop in late, or come early and stay long, are invited to participate in group singing of White Christmas and Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer. And when the clock strikes 12, hats and horns are distributed for a New Year's celebration.

When asked why he doesn't celebrate Christmas on December 25, the amiable owner replies, "No point doing it then, when every bar in town is doing 'our thing'."

The obvious next question of what then did Tony's Christmas bar celebrate on Christmas was answered by, "On Christmas we celebrate the Fourth of July."

Easy Way to Say Christmas Thanks

Here's an idea for a wonderful way for youngsters to say thank-you for Christmas presents — and much easier than persuading them to write thank-you notes!

Get someone to take a picture of the youngster showing him or her holding or using the gift. Then get him to write just a few words of thanks on a piece of paper or the photo itself. Grandma, or Uncle, is sure to be doubly pleased!

Haxey Hood Game

Haxey is a place in Lincolnshire, where they still play this famous old hood game, on January 6. Its origins hark back to pagan times, and the "hood" itself is thought to represent the head of a bull.

In the game, 13 men take part, one called the "fool," another the "lord," and the eleven others, "boggins." A two-team scrimmage takes place, the object being for each man to succeed in placing a folded canvas hood into a particular goal, one after the other. The very last hood, the 13th, called "The Haxey," has to be fought towards the final goal — an inn where there are drinks for all.

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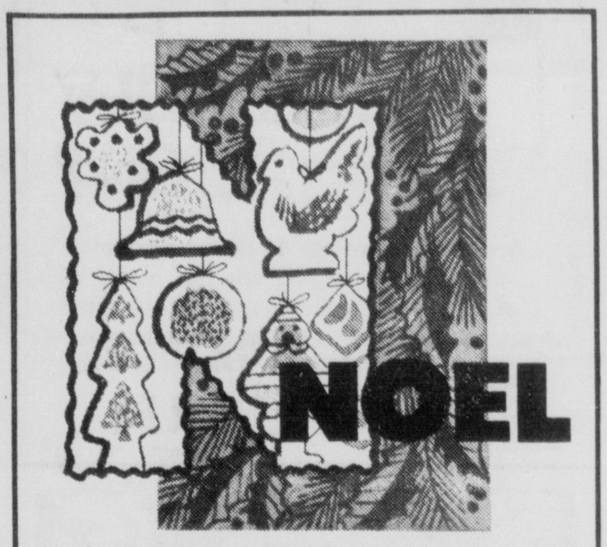

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Welcome one and all to a season filled with joy. Our thanks for letting us serve you.
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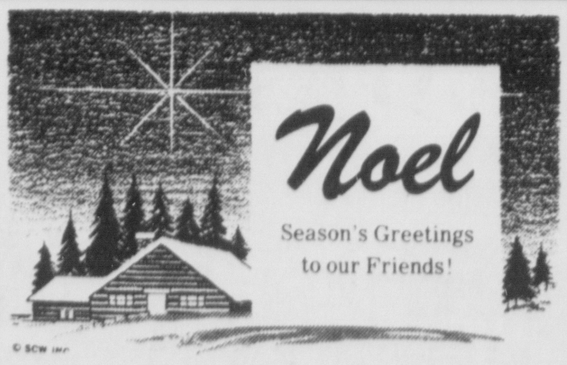
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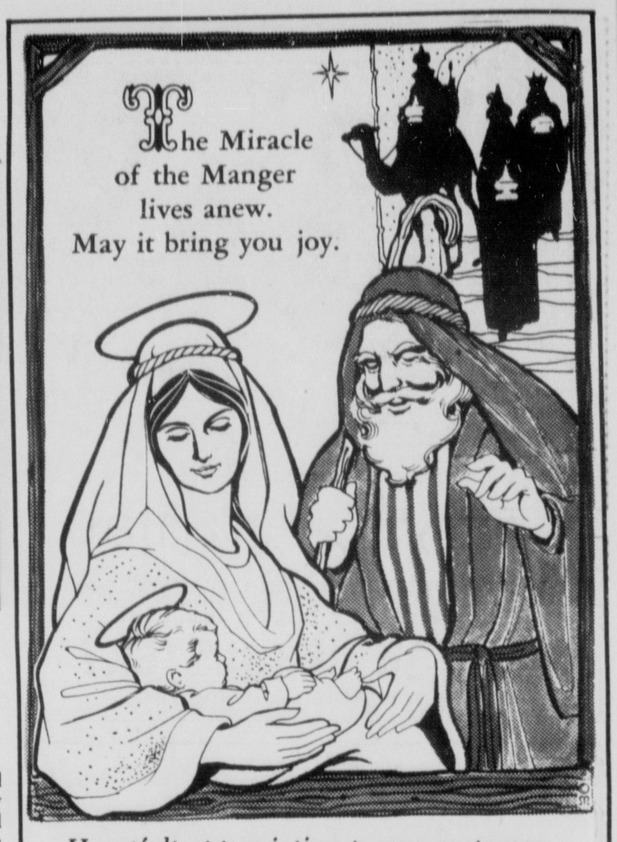
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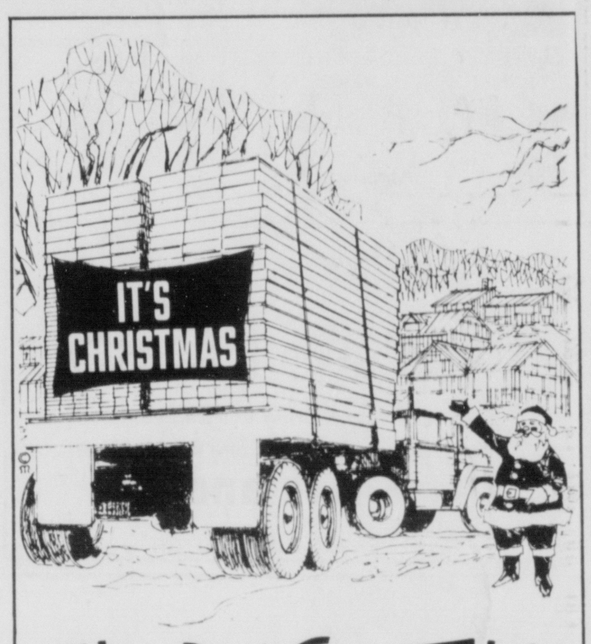

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Gift worth twice what it costs

Somehow Christmas gift lists get longer every year, don't they? And the task of choosing the just-right gift for everyone — family, friends, office associates, the postman, the newspaper boy can be a mind-boggling one, to say the least.

Yet in the midst of all the Christmas-present confusion, there is one name that should be added to most of our lists — and one gift that not only will always be accepted with gratitude but will also, in many cases, be worth twice what we paid for it.

The name is that of a college or university — and the gift is money.

And it can have double value because more than 500 companies, with 4½ million employees, in the United States now have some type of employee-matching gift program through which your gift will be matched by foundation or company funds.

Since 1955, when General Electric pioneered the gift-matching idea through its Corporate Alumnus Program, more than 1200 institutions have received more than $15,000,000 in employee gifts and matching grants from the General Electric Foundation.

"During that same period, hundreds of other companies and foundations have followed our lead," says Dr. Donald J. Watson, Secretary of the G-E Foundation.

"Most colleges have praised gift-giving as an incentive to more and greater alumni support, as well as a source of much-needed unrestricted funds."

Individual company plans differ, of course. The G-E program, for instance, will match employee contributions of up to $2,000 per year to colleges and universities. Any employee who has been with the Company at least a year may contribute to any two- or four-year college or university, public or private, including graduate and professional schools, and need not have attended the school to which the gift is made.

Does the company you work for have a similar set-up? If it does, why not join the thousands of American workers whose gift lists say "cash gift for the university — to be matched by my employer," as well as "portable TV set for Jane" and "new golf clubs for Dad" and "new roof for Rover's doghouse."

Here's way to solve gift puzzle

Is there anyone who hasn't some folks on his Christmas Gifts list, for whom he just can't determine what would be a most appropriate remembrance?

The fact is that there are many. The fact is that the solution to such gift giving problems need not worry nor in any way complicate the Christmas gifts shopping problem.

The simple solution is the Gift Certificate, available at the stores of your choice, gaily decorated in Yule colors and usually available in an equally attractive envelope.

The Christmas Gift Certificate is especially appropriate when choosing wearables, when the giver is not quite certain about size or color, or type.

The Gift Certificate is a practical gift for the hobbyist: the photographer, for example, who may want some gadget instead of film or vice versa; the do-it-yourselfer who may prefer one tool to another; for the man who smokes pipes who may prefer to change his usual brand of tobacco; even for the man for whom one dares to choose ties — he may prefer to choose his own.

Gourmet shops cook up some gift ideas

Any gourmet cooks on your Christmas gifts list? If so, there is a whole exciting world of accessories to gift even the most discriminating chefs.

Among useful items are: professional-type Wok sets, for preparing oriental dishes; a two-way bread-maker kettle; souffle dishes; noodle makers; and a folding omelet pan.

Merry Christmas

Like the shepherds . . . let us adore the Savior on the day that celebrates His birth.

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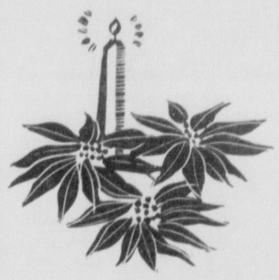

A Christmas Wish

Hope the candle's glow lights the way of the brightest Yule ever! Warm thanks to all.

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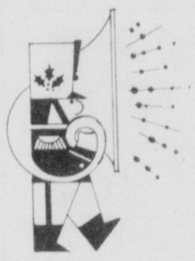

Christmas Joy

In step and in tune! Our wish for the happiest holiday to our good friends.

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The Joy of Christmas

May it fill your heart and brighten your life in this blessed season and through the year.

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Be happy and full of good cheer now and throughout the holiday season.

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May the blessings of Christmas fill hearts everywhere with love, joy, inner peace and the wish for brotherhood. Let's pray for fulfillment.

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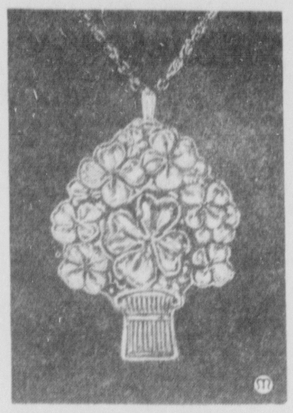
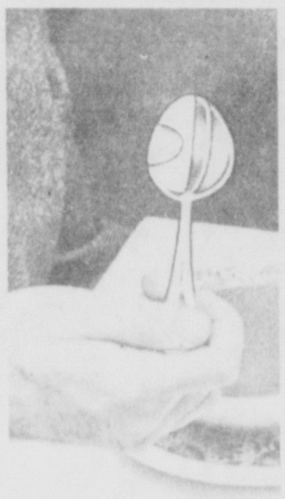
Santa Claus suggests . . .



"Something to whistle about!" . . . an elegant bit of jewelry. Stop a taxi, stop a thief, and no one but you will know this pendant is a whistle until you use it. Sterling silver talisman good luck "four leaf clover" pendant from Reed and Barton. $10.00.

Pizza Cutter with heavy silver-plate handle. Special touch of silver elegance added to that great sizzling American party favorite — the pizza. The handle, carefully designed in silver . . . finely honed steel cutting wheel with gleaming guards. By Reed and Barton.

For the spiritual renaissance of today, an authentic reproduction of a 6th Century Byzantine Processional Cross. Versatile, original creation by Reed and Barton can be worn as jewelry, adorn the tree or hang in the window. "Christmas Cross" in sterling silver. $10.00.



To help keep "your" Santa's mustache clean and dry, Reed and Barton has revived a 19th Century Master Mustache Spoon. Available in heavy silver-plate or in 24 karat gold-plate Vermeil. Gift boxed, from $3.95.

Old silver can recapture glow

Heirloom silver is oftimes the most prized possession of the household. There's the pitcher that was Great Grandmother's wedding present, a few pieces of flatware from Grandfather's homesteading days.

These pieces, full of bumps and scratches, are lovingly polished at holiday time, but may still lack the high gloss of newer silver.

An off-beat Christmas gift could be to have the heirloom silver refinished by a professional jeweler. It won't diminish the sentimental value, and it will enhance the beauty.

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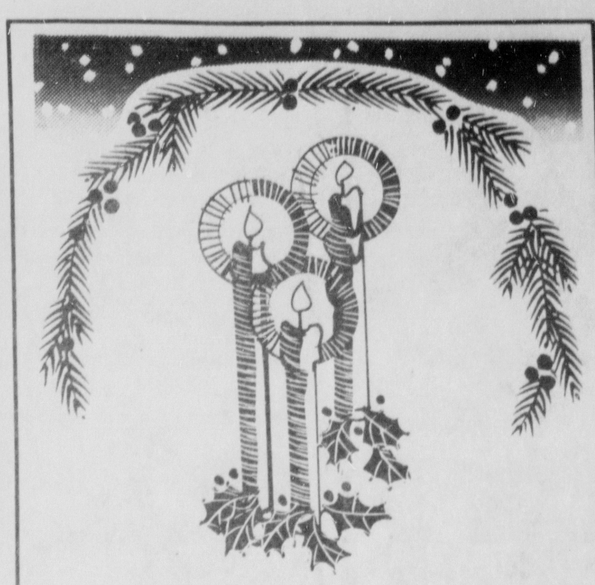
If perfume is on the list of gifts for that special girl and a sizable bottle for home use is her wish, why not include a purse-size version of the same fragrance for use when she's away from home.



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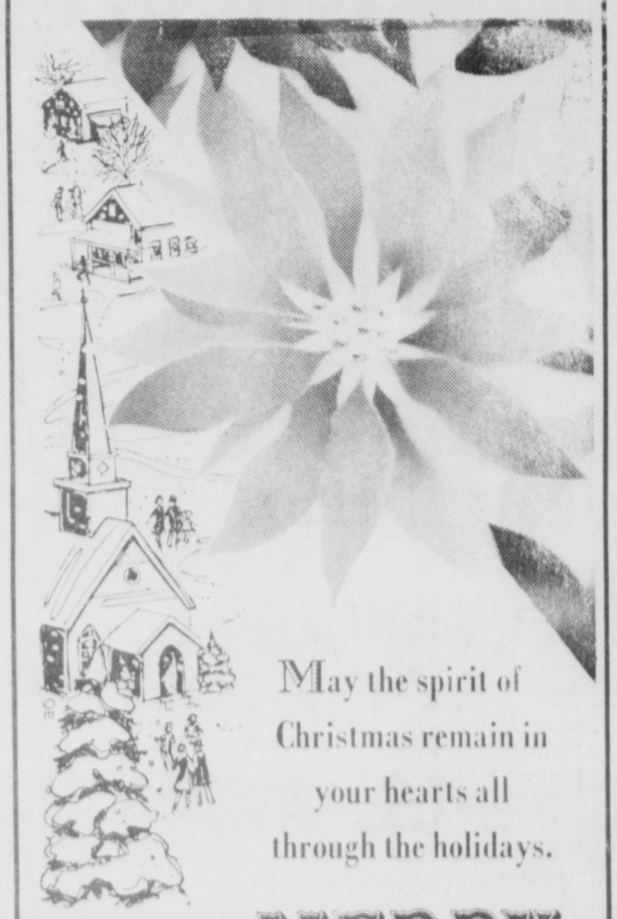

May the spirit of Christmas remain in your hearts all through the holidays.

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EXTRA GIFTS

Scented candles, either homemade or store-bought, make convenient gifts to keep on hand for reciprocating that unexpected gift. It might be a good idea to stock up on several pair of tapered candles as well as the "chunky" kind to meet those unexpected moments. No worry, either, about what to do with any that may be left over.

Save The Children

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — Generations-old patterns, skilled craftsmanship, and recently learned marketing know-how have been combined in the Appalachian Fireside Crafts Cooperative to provide 167 disadvantaged Southern Mountains families with hitherto undreamed-of opportunity.

The women's nimble fingers fashion striking quilts, the men's sensitive hands transform native buckeye into practical shapes.

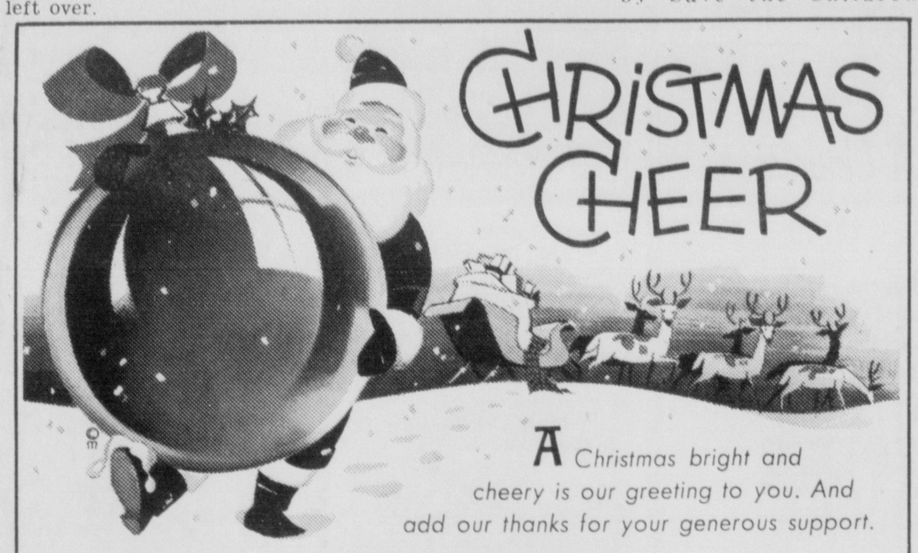
Using materials largely indigenous to the Kentucky area in which the cooperative operates, the craftsmen fashion a score of other items, from cornshuck angels and doves that make novel Christmas tree decorations to stuffed animals and granny dolls.

The cooperative was formed by Save the Children Federation, international child welfare organization with headquarters in Norwalk, Conn. Founded in 1932, the federation has expanded it's original operation of helping the children of Appalachia to include children who need help on American Indian reservations and in 14 countries overseas.

Self-help has been the keynote of SCF programs for those proud, if disadvantaged persons, who do not want handouts. Fireside Crafts is typical of the kind of projects that stimulate low income families to develop their own resources and by so doing are able to provide a better environment for their children.

Christmas is the peak of the year's productivity for the Fireside craftsmen. Many of their items are geared to the holiday trade, notably the unique wreaths they make from pine cones, hickory nuts and other native materials.

Craft items may be ordered from Appalachian Fireside Crafts, Box 276, Booneville, Kentucky. Catalogues are available at 50 cents.



A Christmas bright and cheery is our greeting to you. And add our thanks for your generous support.

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YOUNG JEWELS

Youngsters also like finery, and Christmas is a beautiful opportunity to start their jewelry wardrobe. For little girls, an add-a-stone necklace. For little boys, his first gold or silver cufflinks.

How to Make A Christmas Scrapbook

See what a delightful memory-album you can make when you create your own Christmas Scrapbook! See directions in story and follow diagram, right.

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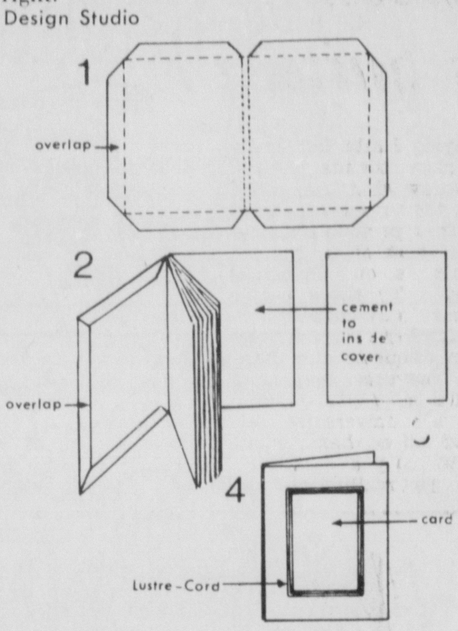


Here's a great idea for salvaging those used or left-over Christmas gift wraps.

You may use a regular 3-ring loose-leaf notebook, or cut cardboard to any size you like, for the covers. If you make your covers, you can punch holes in them later and put covers and inside pages together with left-over Christmas ribbons (press them smooth first).

Cover notebook or cardboard with gift-wrap paper. You can press used or left-over Christmas wrap paper smooth with an iron, set on very low heat. Measure notebook, taking the height and width of front and back covers. Add 1" overlap to all four sides. Cut out of one piece of paper, or two if you use two pieces of cardboard. Notch the corners. Using rubber cement, or any household glue, glue paper to outside covers of notebook, centering between the notched corners. Then glue overlaps to inside of covers.

Measure exact dimensions of inside covers. Cut out one piece of gift wrap for each (this could be a contrast pattern) and cement into place, covering overlaps.

Select a scene from a Christmas card and glue to the center of front cover. Trim the edges, if you like, with leftover ribbon, gold braid, or tape.

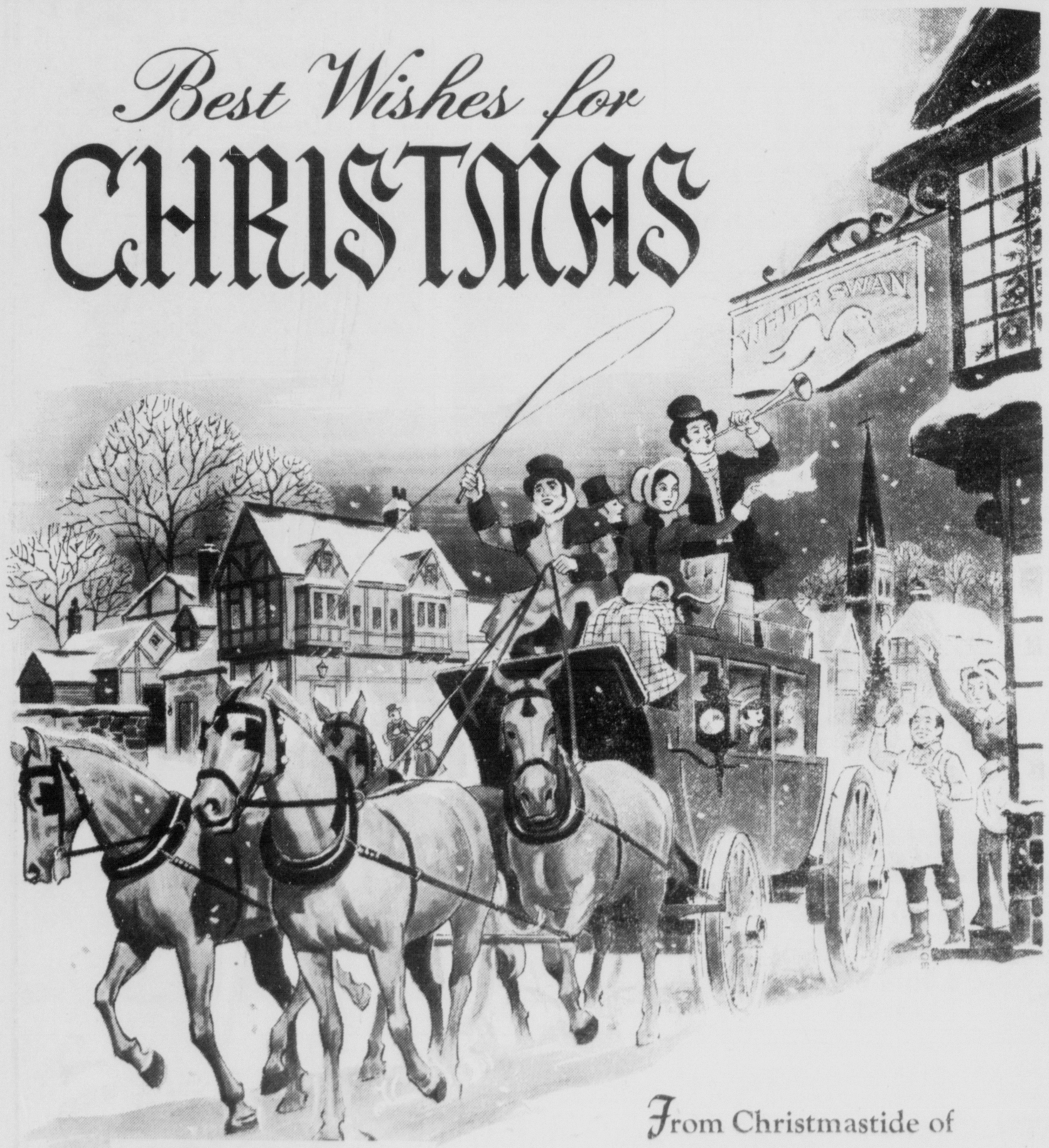
For the inside pages, use your imagination! Group the Christmas cards you want to save on the pages, and glue them to paper (construction paper would be good for this). Put in souvenirs of Christmas parties, and photos.

You'll have a Christmas Scrapbook to cherish and remember!

ADORN HOME

Decorative plates and limited edition plates make fine suggestions for those on the gift list "who have everything." Aside from adorning the home, these collector's items usually increase in value.

Best Wishes for
CHRISTMAS



From Christmastide of yesteryear come many of the happiest traditions of the season. It is in this good old-fashioned spirit that we greet you, and wish you all the best the holidays can bring. A very merry Christmas, everyone! We thank you, our customers, for your friendly patronage... serving you is our pleasure, and an enduring privilege.

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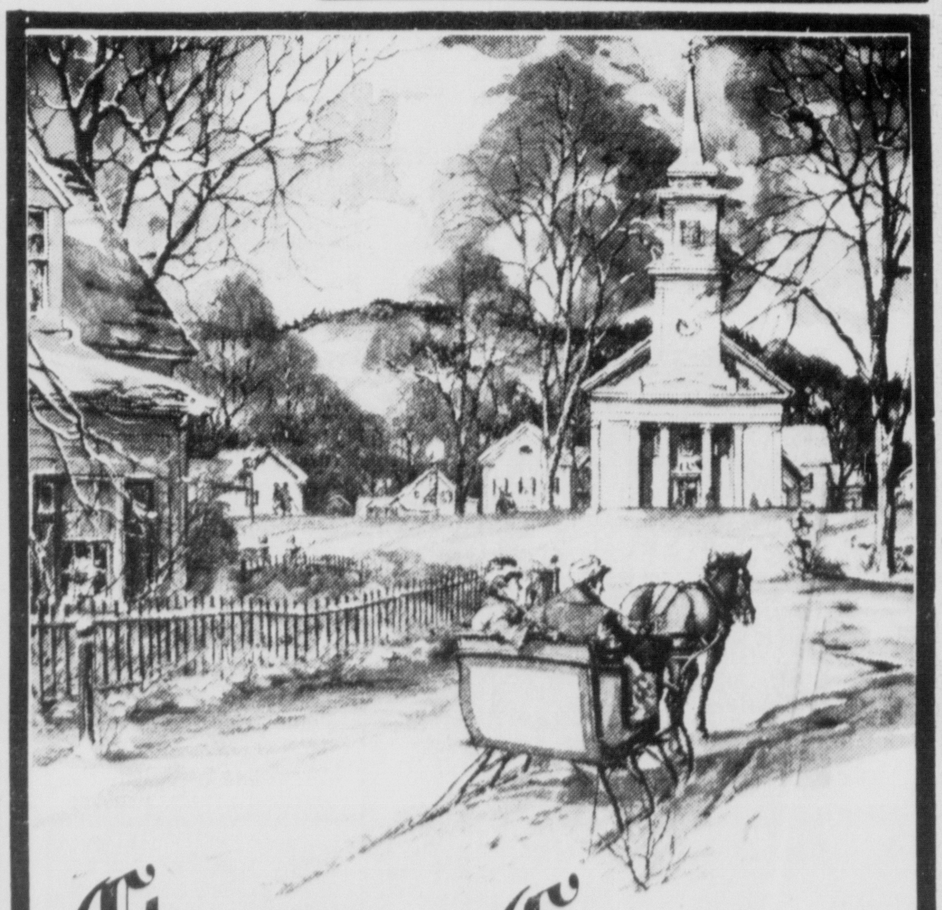

Christmas Greetings

The beauty of the Christmas countryside fills hearts with warmth and good cheer. We take this time to share with you the traditional greetings of the season, and to thank you for your loyal support.

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Playing Santa for the family, relatively easy--but...

Choosing gifts for one's casual friends, is quite another matter; here's help

Playing Santa for family and close friends is easy. You know what they want, what they need and what suits their personalities. But where most of us come a cropper is on Christmas presents for those people we know only casually.

Emily Post, noted authority on etiquette and manners, suggests keeping a small store of gifts on hand that are universally welcomed rather than personal. "When you see something you really like," she says, "and it's not too expensive, buy half a dozen instead of one."

Advance preparation

This kind of advance preparation works especially well for those holiday times when guests drop by unexpectedly bearing gifts. Early in the season, wrap up a few gifts that will meet any contingency — like packages of patterned paper guest towels, brightly colored oven mitts, or bubble bath for the ladies. Selections of these are readily available for under $3.00.

For the yet-to-be-known male recipients, stock up on a few novel gift bottles of a popular skin-bracing after shave lotion. Containers range from humorous to handsome in the $3.00-and-under group.

One of the most whimsical gifts of fragrance, newly available at men's toiletries counters, is a decanter shaped like a life-sized man's hand — the "Slap" bottle — and it's filled with 12 ounces of bright holly green lotion from the Mennen company.

More classic in appearance, the same tingly after shave skin bracer also comes in three 1½ ounce bottles of different fragrances, packaged in a sleek-looking transparent cube which can be used later to display standard size snapshots on five sides. A four-bottle selection in a see-through case is also available.

You don't have to know specifically who's going to receive this kind of gift when you give a variety of scents with masculine appeal like dry lime, burnished leather and wild moss.

Remember youngsters

If there is even the slightest chance that your surprise gift-giving guests might be members of the younger set, make certain you are supplied with return gifts of a game or two, jig-saw puzzles, or perhaps some candy-filled Christmas stockings.

You might also consider gifts of food on a more sophisticated level for those service people you rely upon throughout the year, but whose personal interests and habits you don't know — like the mailman, your hairdresser, the newspaper boy and the cleaning woman.

Fancy cookies, small fruitcakes and fresh preserves from your own kitchen would be ideal, as would pre-packaged gourmet cheeses, hors d'oeuvres and a variety of snack foods in an attractive wicker picnic basket.

A gift for the teacher need not be a problem if you think in terms of a treasured and lasting memento given by the entire class. Organize the collection and select an atlas, a leather-bound dictionary or some other fine book.

Think unisex

Think unisex to make Christmas gift shopping quick and simple for the casual "date" on your list — male or female. You want that person to know you thought of him or her, but you don't want to overdo it. Suggestions here include books, sporting equipment like golf or tennis balls, records, a desk calendar or appointment book, or maybe just a "gag" gift.

Help them to movable feast

Be a good sport and give your favorite sportsman a Thermos brand picnic kit so he can enjoy a meal in style when he's on the go. Two Thermos vacuum bottles keep beverages and foods at the desired temperature.

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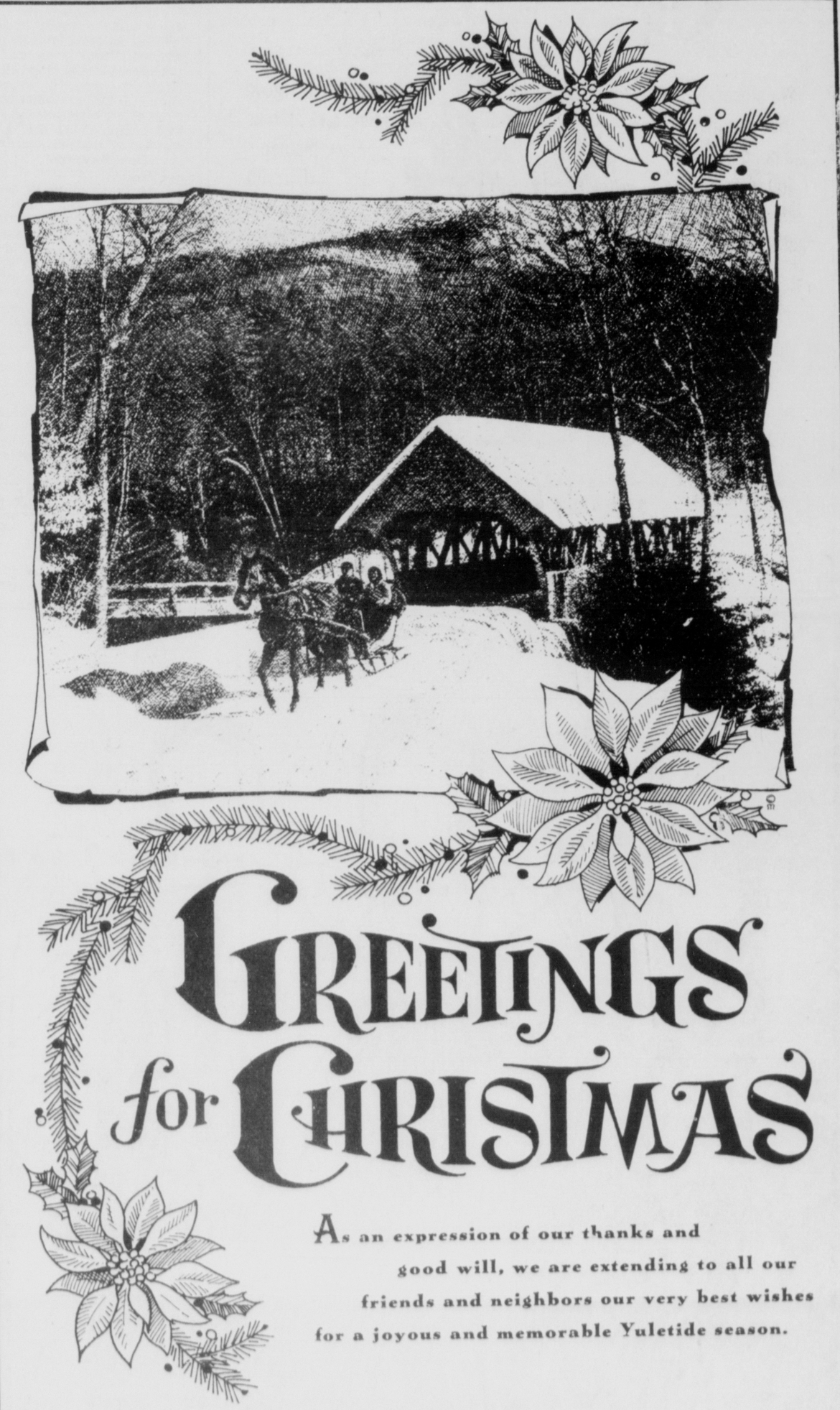

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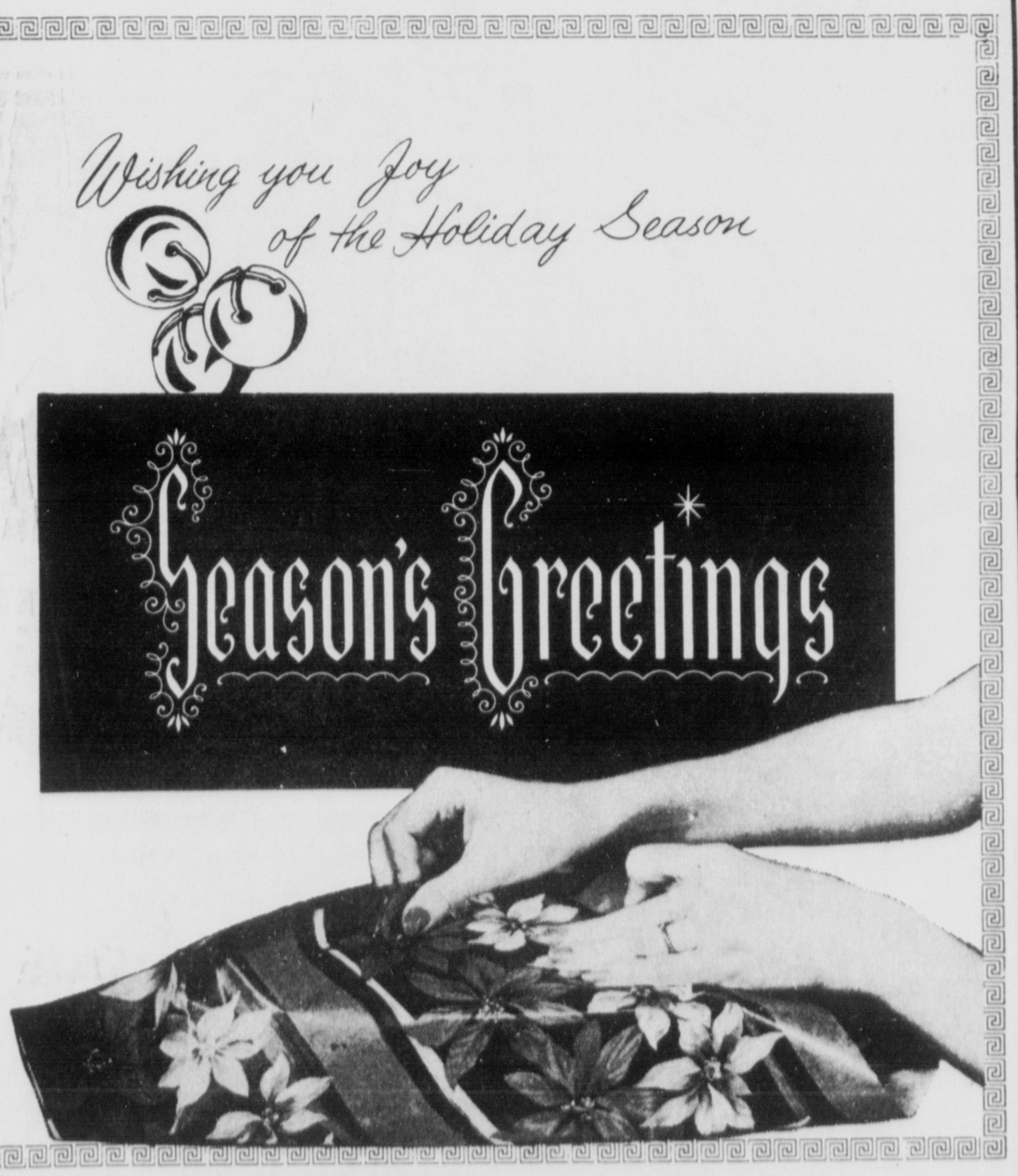

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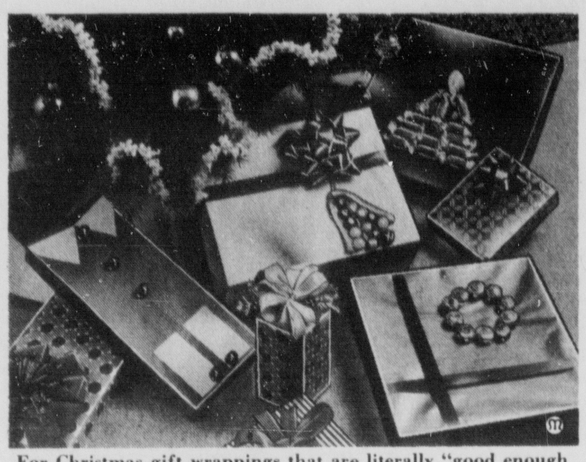
You don't have to be a professional to wrap Christmas gifts that sparkle

You don't have to be a professional bow maker to come up with Christmas gift wraps that sparkle under the tree. Let your imagination be your guide in forming a variety of designs with that personal touch everyone appreciates.

Christmas packages you've thoughtfully wrapped at home carry with them a warm expression of your good wishes. Designs can be done imaginatively and inexpensively with plain wrapping papers, ribbon, construction paper and candies.

A colorful and amusing array of gift wrap ideas — many simple enough for a child to complete — have been created by the home economists for Tootsie Roll's Family Food and Party Institute. Each one has a professional look, but costs far less than a store-done wrap.



For Christmas gift wrappings that are literally "good enough to eat," try decorating this year's packages with candy shaped into ornaments, wreaths, trees or special designs like this "shirt." These simple ideas are quick and economical, using just plain wrapping paper, ribbon and Tootsie Flavor Rolls, candy drops and berries.

INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS: Gift boxes, paper and ribbon; Tootsie Pops, Pop Drops and Flavor Rolls; sour drops, Black Crows and Berries; white paper.

EQUIPMENT: Scissors, pencil, ruler, scotch tape, glue.

DIRECTIONS: Wrap gift boxes in solid color tissue, foil paper or velvet paper. If ribbon is desired, tie around package and secure with tape.

For Wreath:

Glue assorted flavors of wrapped sour candies to package, placing them in a circle to form a wreath shape. A simple ribbon bow can be added to the wreath. The recipient of this gift can enjoy his present and eat the candy, too!

For Tree:

Tree takes shape by centering a Tootsie Pop on the package and securing stick with tape. Pop will be "star" at top of tree. Position lime Flavor Rolls to form tree and drop in Berries and Pop Drops as ornaments. Carefully glue each piece of candy into desired position.

For Shirt:

Wrap box in solid color tissue paper. On white paper, make two triangular shapes for collar and two rectangles for cuffs by working with pencil and ruler. Cut out shapes. Glue "collar" to top of box and rectangles of "cuffs" at bottom, as new shirts are folded. Glue on Black Crows down "shirt front" for buttons and on cuffs for links.

For Bell:

Wrap box in desired gift paper. Make Bell-shape tree ornament by cutting out bell pattern drawn on cardboard. Other shapes could be used, such as candles, trees, etc. Melt a vanilla Flavor Roll in double boiler to use as "glue." Flatten out assorted Flavor Rolls with rolling pin and cut into shapes to fill in bell pattern. Glue gold or silver cord loop to top of cardboard with melted Flavor Roll. Position candy berries and pieces of Flavor Roll, "glue" into place. Slip ribbon through ornament's cord loop and tie, completing with a bow.

How Rudolph Joined Team

NEW YORK (AP) — One song added a ninth reindeer to the eight ordinarily associated with pulling Santa's sled.

After 1949, when Gene Autry introduced the song by Johnny Marks at Madison Square Garden, to the list of Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen, Rudolph had to be included.

The song, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" has sold more than 97 million records, and five million copies of sheet music, one of the biggest hits in the history of popular music. The original record by Cowboy Autry has passed the seven million mark to become the all-time best seller of Columbia records.

Johnny Marks' Rudolph turned out to be not only red-nosed but gold plated. The man who wrote the lyrics and music for the enduring Christmas favorite was born in Mount Vernon, N.Y. A song writer in the true tin pan alley tradition, he was inspired to create "Rudolph" from a Christmas brochure he'd been reading.

Marks recalls that Autry didn't like the song very much at first, but agreed to put it on the flip side of a number no one remembers called, "If It Doesn't Snow On Christmas."

President of his own company "The St. Nicholas Music Corporation," Johnny Marks lives with his wife Margaret, and their three children — Michael, Laura and David — and Mozart the cat, in a 100 year old house in Grennwich Village.

Christ is Born...

Let us rejoice and join together with Christmas spirit to celebrate His birth.

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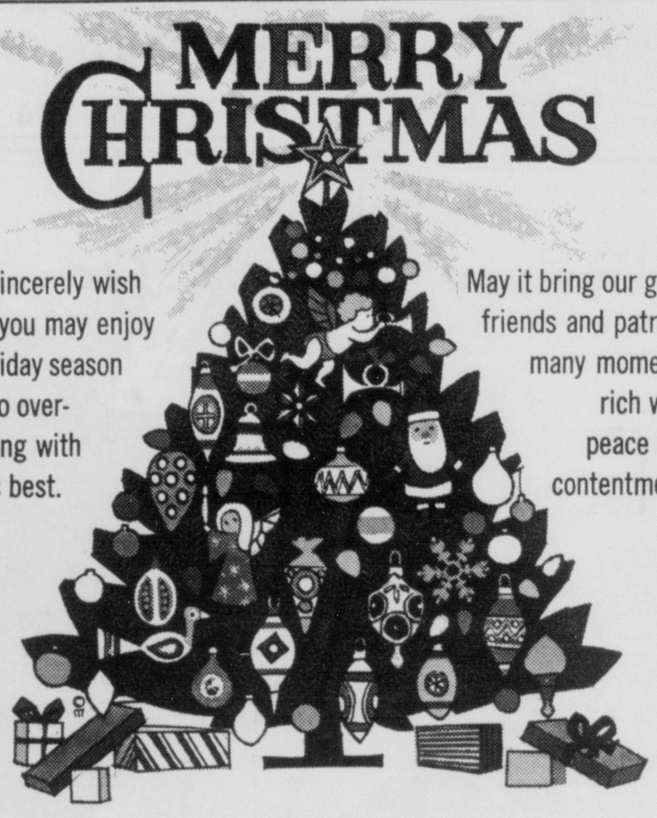

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Slipper-shoes in Christmas stockings put comfort, pleasure, and fashion afoot

What's afoot on Christmas morning? Comfort, fashion, and pleasure, for the one who finds a Shlipper in her (or his) stocking.

The new lounger from Scholl combines the comfort of a slipper with the support of a shoe in styles for both men and women.

On the "slipper side" of its heritage are an easy wearability and coziness. Its "shoe" features include a firm, contoured wooden inner sole, with an exclusive, toe-relaxer crest — all the support needed to give feet a pick-up just by walking around the house.

In two heel heights, Shlippers for ladies are made in soft, springy terry.

The medium heel model is available in pumpkin, bright red and blue. The flat heel design comes in bright red, loganberry, blue and pumpkin.

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Life-style may prove most helpful guide to better gifting

Basing one's selection of gifts on the "Life Styles" of various relatives and friends has given rise in many stores to a clustering of gift suggestions befitting the specific individualized interests of those on the list to be remembered.

Yet, whether or not stores choose to organize their suggestions into clustered displays, the principle can work handsomely for the gift giver.

Consider, for example, the Life Style of the woman occupying an important place on your list, built around entertaining friends at home.

This means mostly having folks in for dinner, for cocktails or for luncheons or other types of parties.

Many choices

The gift suggestions that would offer most acceptable pleasure here might range from a hostess gown through something substantial in the way of furniture, and small but decorative appliances such as hot trays.

Indicative of the fact that considering gifts selections on the basis of one "Life Style" can be mighty successful and yet easy on the budget, is the availability of such inexpensive presents as a set of ash trays, an appropriate serving dish, bar utensils. These all become appropriate.

Another example of giving to fit into the "Life Style" is in the area of outdoor living and recreation. A vast number of nice people have made this the basis of their new Life Style.

Range is broad

And once again the range for gifting becomes broad indeed.

Start, if you will, by considering some handsomely styled new outdoor winter wear. Think in terms of new games for the outdoor enthusiasts who happen to be housebound.

Or look ahead by choosing something for the patio, comes the shining sun . . . a barbecue grill, or if the budget is tight, any one of the many accessories that lend convenience and eclat to this type of Life Style.

Moving on to the play area, involving participation sports as a Life Style, and blending somewhat with the above, there is "ping-pong" which appears to be the in-game (no pun intended) of the year. Popularity of chess also has multiplied tremendously for obvious reasons.

Fit into budget

But these are "indoor" gift ideas for the most part.

Outdoor sports gifts suggestions are myriad indeed. There are too many to list here.

Yet once again, depending on the specific sports interest, the gift to be chosen may be grand indeed or fitted into anyone's modest budget—a container of tennis balls for the enthusiast or, all the way down to the "stocking stuffer" category, a decoratively packaged set of tees for the golfer.

Christmas for the gift giver who thinks in terms of the recipient's Life Style can be most rewarding indeed.

Caution—tree lights need early check

It's Christmas Eve. The children are snuggled in their beds. The tree is secure in its stand.

And it's time to trim the tree.

But — Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, and tree trimmers would be wise to check the lights far in advance.

Sunday night will find most stores closed up tight, a proposition that could chill the heart of a tree trimmer trying to find Christmas bulbs to replace those that are not working.

An early check on the lights means time in which to get replacement bulbs, and a supply of extras. There's always next year.

Here's new inspiration for Christmas giving! Jetsetter, a status tote bag with a concealed zipper, packed with seven pairs of Burlington's elegant new Luxury Sheer Brief Top panty hose, in a range of fashion colors.

Bank can help you play Santa

There are more ways than one in which banks can help you play Santa Claus in a most generous way.

First, of course, which concerns your own gifts giving budget, is the Christmas Savings Club plans they offer.

These plans are anticipatory in the sense that they look forward to helping you get set financially for next Christmas, a year from now.

Make weekly deposits now, and comes next Christmas you don't have to worry about where you're going to get the money to buy the gifts you want to give.

That money will be in your Christmas Savings Club account, ready for use when you are ready to start your Christmas Shopping.

The banks have other ways of helping you play Santa with fresh new gifts . . . gifts that actually keep on growing bigger.

More interesting

One such gift might be a Certificate of Deposit which pays somewhat more interest than does the regular savings account.

Another, of course, is the regular savings account into which you put a starting deposit which may be very modest indeed. A gift of a savings account given to young folks is a good way to teach them the importance of thrift.

They can watch their deposits grow, and take pride in the amount of interest your gift, plus their regularly planned deposits, earn.

Many of today's young teen-agers are now sufficiently practical to understand the convenience of checking accounts, and to learn from them the principals of money management.

Many banks today have special plans for teen-age accounts that are well worth the consideration of parents who want to help their youngsters to adulthood. Parents usually make monthly deposits instead of handing out cash allowances.

Check off

The gift of a checking account is especially appropriate for the young folk who are going off to college.

Most banks now offer Credit Cards, with actual credit extension plans as a part of their usefulness.

Bank credit cards are so universally acceptable today that they are considered a great convenience. They too can be considered in the gift category.

This is another way in which the bank can help you play Santa. But if it's a minor you are thinking of, better bear in mind that you'll have to guarantee payment of charges.

FOR SMOKERS

Smoking accessories are easy to give and are happily received. A standing ash-tray for dad's favorite chair, a dainty lighter for mom's purse, a snazzy case for sis or brother, or pretty match-boxes — all are welcome.

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Gifting is shifting from big, gaudy to unusual, creative, thoughtful

The back-to-nature people are reviving the honest homespun spirit of Christmas gift-giving. It's back to our roots with handcrafts, anything home-made, home-baked, or home-spun.

The idea behind the gift is shifting from how big, how expensive, how gaudy, to how creative, how unusual, how simple and thoughtful. Even the non-homecrafters look for these qualities in manufactured products they give as gifts.

Handcrafts, formerly considered woman's domain, have attracted the whole family. Needlepoint, quickpoint (needlepoint with thick yarn — it goes faster), bargello (a kind of free-form needlepoint) and macrame (braiding and knotting of rope) are the newest rages. There is no end to the imaginative gifts to make with these techniques; belts, bags, pillows, keychains, wall-hangings—and for the rugged individualists, a needlepoint rug.

Quilt revival

Handcrafters are full swing into the quilting revival, another great American heritage. The early settlers quilted for warmth; we quilt for beauty. A handmade quilt is one of the most treasured heirlooms. New books by current artisans make quilting fun and easy.

You may not be a handcrafter, but you may be a great baker. A loaf of home-baked bread, your family's special Christmas cookies, plum pudding, fruitcake — what delicious fare for holiday giving. All you have to buy are the ingredients and a pretty tin.

If you're a gardener, your city-dwelling friends may delight in receiving home-grown fruits and vegetables that you've preserved yourself. Or your friend the plant-lover might appreciate the exotic indoor plant species he's pining for — such as a Christmas cactus or an Aglaonema (Chinese evergreen). An outdoor gardener might cherish some special imported tulip or gladiola bulbs.

Embroidered treasure

Someone who loves pretty linens might treasure a hand-embroidered set of pillow cases or guest towels. And the favorite potholders in any kitchen are the ones made by children.

For the gifts you do not hand-tailor, consider the thought that went into their invention. What could be more thoughtful or personal to give this Christmas than personal care appliances — those little beauty machines that give today's back-to-naturers their special look in minutes.

When you decide to give a makeup mirror, for instance, take time to consider the features. How thoughtful to give her one that has four light settings and three mirrors to allow her to make-up in the light she'll be seen in — in True-to-Light fashion.

Daylight time

Make sure the lamps used in the mirror reproduce daylight accurately and are cool so they won't "melt" makeup. It's features like these that say you were thoughtful in your gift-giving.

The guys are going mad for the new dryer/styling combs in the personal care area. But why not give that little extra. Select one that combines steam with its drying power, like the one that Clairol makes, so he has an easier time of grooming his longer hair.

Whether it's something you fashion personally yourself, or a personal care product fashioned by someone else, slow down and give it some thought. Then the gift is bound to be both rewarding to the giver and enjoyable for the receiver.

These Christmas gifts will be greatly appreciated because of the care taken in choosing them. The True-to-Light III makeup mirror offers the best features of any makeup mirror, and the men's Steam Comb is the only one with the special vapor mist to aid your special man in grooming, styling and drying. For the handcrafter, two beautiful quilts (pictured above)—designed and quilted by Beth Gutcheon. Her book, "Mrs. Gutcheon's No-Horseradish Book of Quilts," subtitled "A Modern Guide to Quiltmaking," is a thorough anthology of designing and making beautiful quilts.

Creating Yule decor can be family fun

Just a bit of imagination — that's what it takes to create different kinds of holiday decorations for indoors and outdoors.

Tree trimming with conventional ornaments is fun, but tree trimming with edibles is delicious.

Begin by gathering the family around for a popcorn popping good time. Add fruit coloring to the skillet and get jolly colors to enhance the tree — whether it be an artificial tree or the real thing.

String the popcorn into ropes then wind and criss-cross them through the boughs. Popcorn balls can be wrapped in plastic for tasty ornaments.

Gingerbread people dressed with icing and gum drop animals can be suspended from the branches like marionettes.

Funny-faced lollipops and brightly striped candy canes help make this tree a tempting good treat.

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Pine and fir trees in front yards are many times illuminated with bright strings of lights, sometimes twinkling on and off.

With a little carpentry skill weatherproof wood decorations can be made to further liven up outdoor displays.

Merry Christmas

Here's hoping everyone, everywhere enjoys a very happy holiday!

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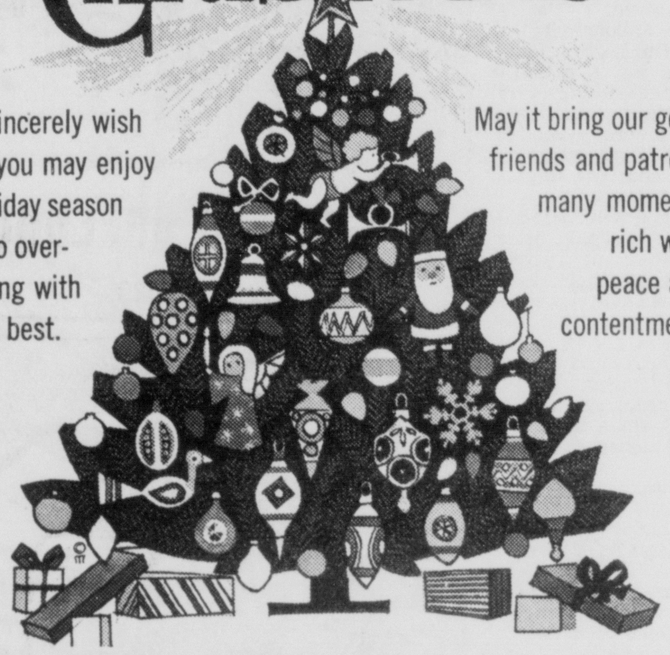

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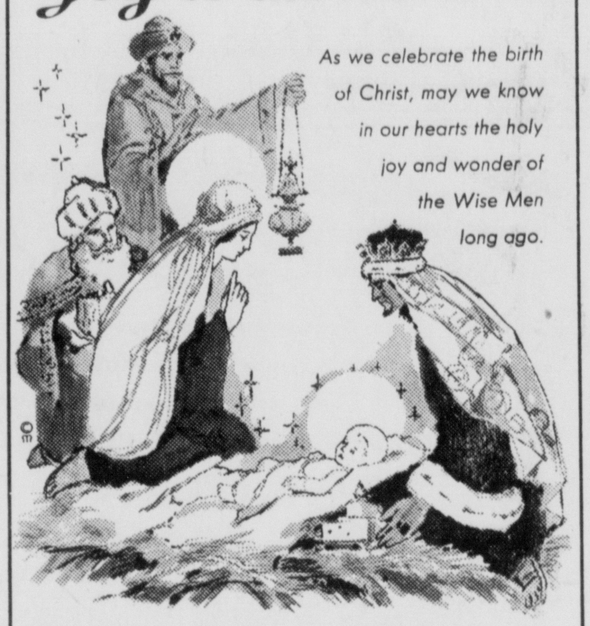

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may we know in our hearts the holy joy and wonder of the Wise Men long ago.

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Tree lights are glowing everywhere. Gay wreaths bedeck the windows. Carolers raise their voices in song. Anticipation fills the air. Hearts are light, spirits bright. It's Christmas. Have a merry one.

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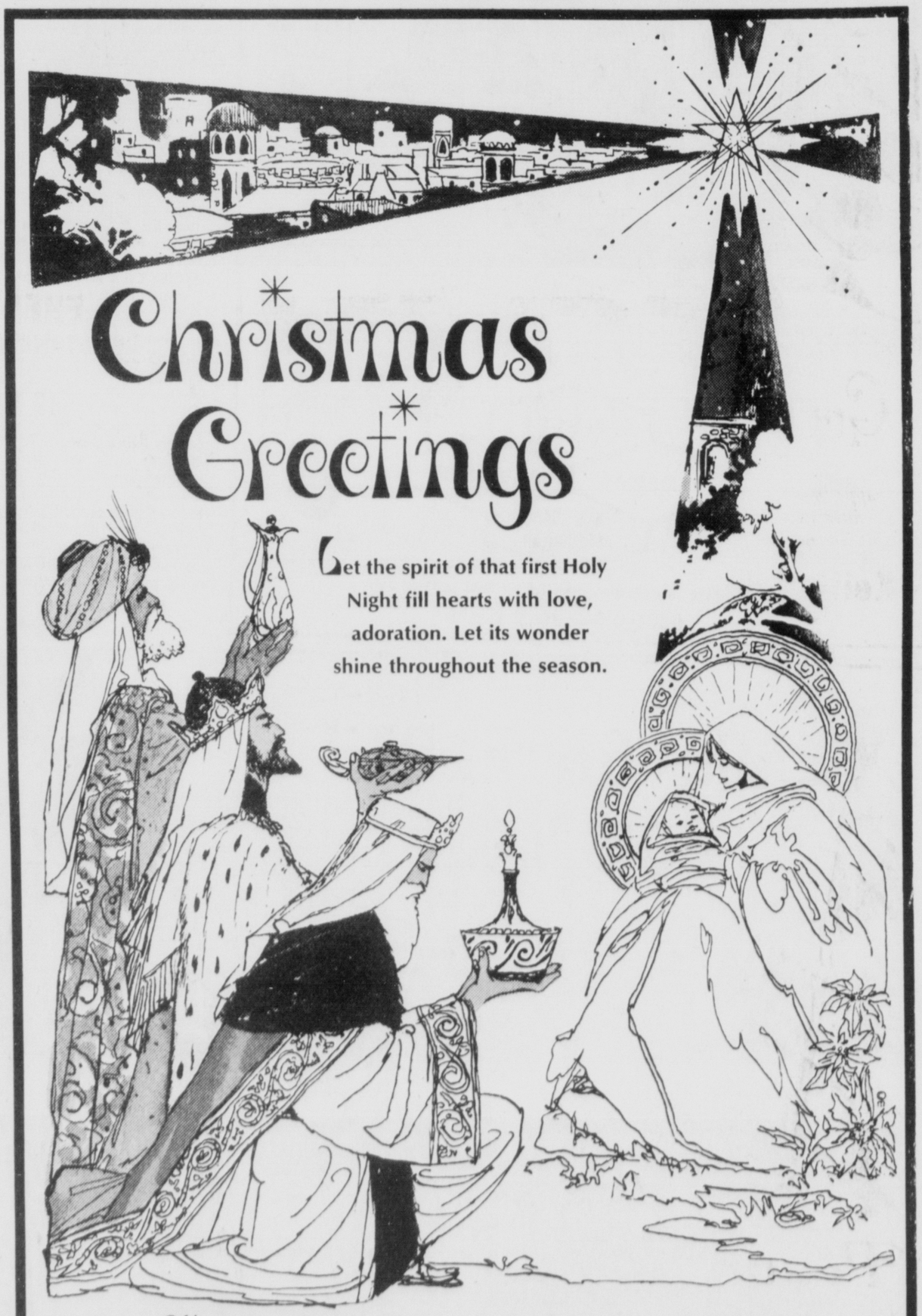


Christmas Greetings

Let the spirit of that first Holy Night fill hearts with love, adoration. Let its wonder shine throughout the season.

We are grateful to our loyal customers for the patronage shown us.

WE SELL FOR LESS
WAL-MART Discount City
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
By refund or Exchange

May the joys and blessings of Christmas be with you and yours through this season and the coming year. And with this may we add our sincere thanks for your kind patronage this past year. And we sincerely hope to continue serving our Friends & Neighbors in every way!

Wide choice of portable and table radios on tap for Yuletide gifting

Radio is a "must" item of equipment for today's young, whether it is a carry-about or a table topper that entertains from a stay-put location.

That is why radio is such a great Christmas gift-idea for the high schooler or subteen on your shopping list.

New shapes, sizes

If you perhaps are thinking there is nothing new under the sun in radio, just stop, look, and listen as you shop.

Sets come in all sizes. Designs are new. Prices range to fit practically any budget.

There are, of course, small battery-powered transistor portables. Many fit neatly into a jacket pocket, tackle box, purse, brief case or camera gadget bag.

One slim FM-AM, the Royal B21 from Zenith, fits wallet-like in a pocket and plays with the lid open or closed. Either way, you hear great tone quality. Another, the Royal C25, looks like an opera glass, popping up for FM and AM.

Table radios, like the square Cordova and the round Rondelle, have FM and AM running in circles, with the Zenith Circle of Sound feature that drives sound outward in a full 360-degree circle.

An "in" gift for anyone who has to rise and shine on time many mornings is the clock-radio. Some entertain with favorite AM broadcasts, others also with static-free FM.

Magic of music

Another gift-idea for the youngster on your list is the portable phono — to teach him the magic of music and the joys of listening to story telling. Some of the phonos are AC plug-ins, others operate on batteries. Some also contain radio.

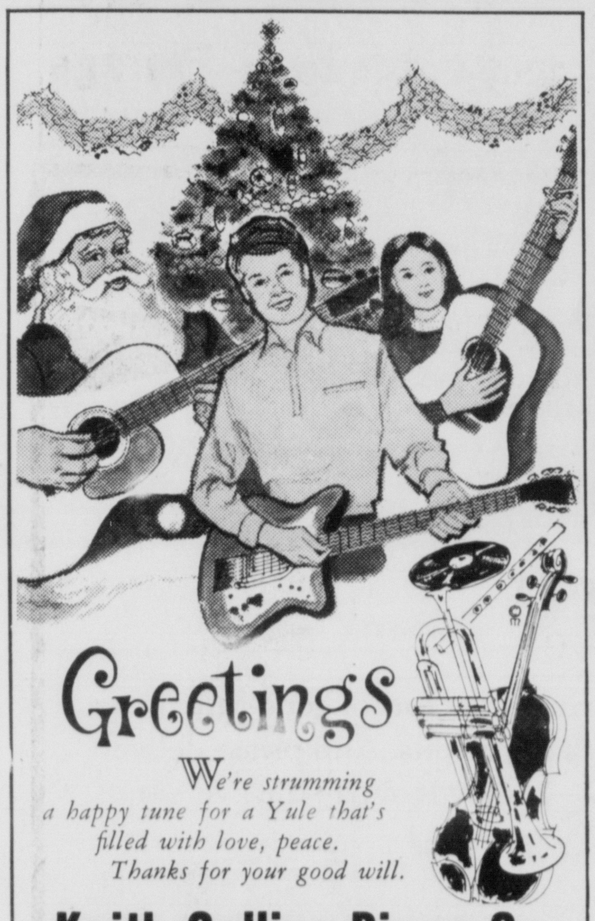
Wrap up a record or two with one of these as your gift selection and you will be opening up an entire new world of sound — and meaning — to him or her starting on Christmas morning.

Best Wishes this Christmas

May the season be abloom with peace and love for all. We appreciate your generous support.

THE FLOWER BASKET

DOWNTOWN SIKESTON



Greetings

We're strumming a happy tune for a Yule that's filled with love, peace. Thanks for your good will.

Keith Collins Piano Co.

98 N. KINGSHIGHWAY

Peace... Joy

May the many blessings of Christmas dwell with us . . . always.

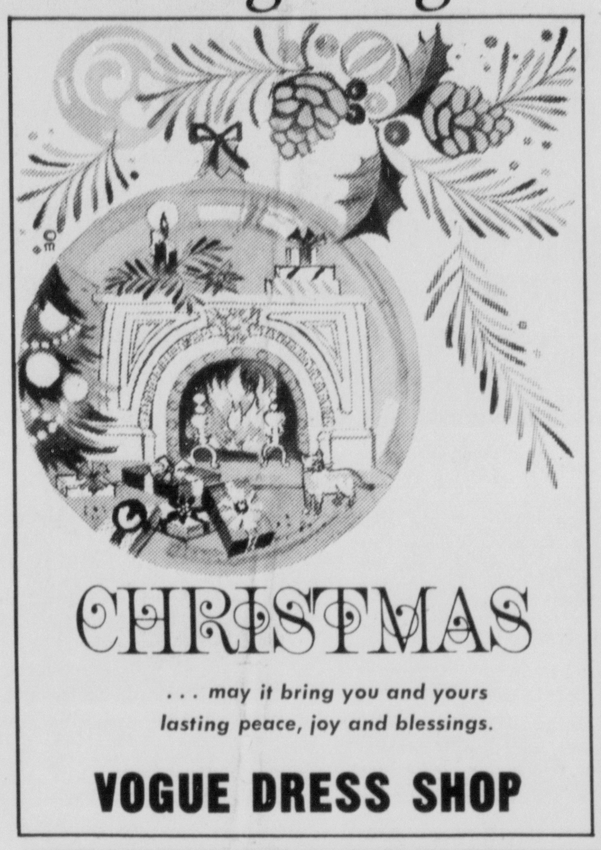
WORLD'S ONLY REAL Little BIG DOLLAR Store

DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

TEACH YOUR YOUNGSTER a love for music and words with a gift this Christmas of a portable monaural phonograph with AM radio. This compact unit, Zenith's Sportabout, plays 33⅓ or 45 rpm records on batteries or AC. Snap on lid and recessed carry handle make set easy to move about.

MAKE MUSIC YOUR GIFT to her this Christmas with a plug-in radio that is always on hand in the kitchen and ready to entertain with the twist of a knob. This slim FM-AM table radio, Zenith's Fashionaire, combines a grained Kashmir walnut color cabinet with colorful shaded grille.

A SOUND IDEA for holiday entertaining and Christmas giving is the modular stereo instrument. This 3-piece "package," the Ibert from Zenith, offers three different ways to enjoy stereo — from the solid state radio, the record changer and the built-in 8-track tape cartridge player. Twin remote enclosures are completely sealed sound chambers with two speakers in each.



CHRISTMAS

. . . may it bring you and yours lasting peace, joy and blessings.

VOGUE DRESS SHOP

Best wishes for a bright, and merry Christmas

Here, beneath the lamplight's glow,
we gather to joyously sing out, "Hello,"
To you and all those you hold dear,
a holiday filled with lots of cheer!

FRED'S

DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

Merry Christmas

Greetings! Just a friendly note to say
We wish you the merriest Christmas Day!

LAMBERTS CAFE

HWY. 61 S. SIKESTON

A very Merry Christmas

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To all our wonderful friends
and patrons, we extend best wishes!

G & C AUTO SALES

GEORGE HENSLEY

91 N. STODDARD SIKESTON, MO.

Sound entertainers can help solve what-to-give the young-at-heart

Yesterday's technology has ushered in an array of sound gift-ideas that make it possible today for young adults and teens to dance to music of their own choosing.

A prime example is modular stereo.

According to audio experts at Zenith Radio Corporation: "The modular approach to stereo is one of the most natural ways to listen to music. Three individual units make up a modular system — two remote speakers and a main cabinet housing a phonograph, and/or FM-AM radio, and possibly an 8-track tape cartridge player.

All are different ways to enjoy sound.

The effect of two channel separation from speakers up to 40 feet apart is similar to being in the midst of an orchestra. Zenith Circle of Sound models further enhance this listening enjoyment as sound is deflected from the speakers' cones and dispersed 360 degrees throughout the room.

In addition to finding that the modern three-piece modular system offers a new listening enjoyment, users are discovering that these units are flexible in decorating. They can fit easily into large or small rooms as the owner's needs change.

For teens on your Christmas list, Zenith notes, modular stereo is a gift that will provide enjoyment long after his high schooler books are succeeded by college textbooks and then a diploma.

TV TIME is any time, starting with news at the breakfast table on Christmas morning. Sets like this small screen receiver, Zenith's Discoverer, fit into a small space and can be picked up and carried off easily for plug-in service elsewhere in the home. A bevy of colors: yellow, gray, avocado and beige.

Yule gift for that special someone

If you customarily give conventional gifts at Christmas time, then don't bother to read more.

But if you are looking for a *special* gift for that *special* someone in your life, here is a suggestion.

For HIM —

How about a gift that will pique his curiosity as he uses it . . . maybe broaden his outlook from isolationist to cosmopolite . . . and help him shed some of the pressure-cooker tensions that sometimes accompany making a living?

How about handing him a hobby? An exciting new interest this Christmas morning?

Zenith offers one in the form of its Trans-Oceanic multiband portable radio that is powered to tune 11 individual tuning ranges with the twist of a dial. With it, he can sit in his armchair at home and roam the world electronically.

He can tune close-to-home stations, long distance AM broadcasts for news and sports, domestic FM with its fine music entertainment.

He can tune in the most complete area weather service on the air today on longwave . . . marine weather on shortwave . . . other government broadcast news of weather on VHF/FM.

The set is powered so he can eavesdrop on foreign programs in English and other languages on international shortwave channels . . . on ship-to-shore 'phone conversations, "ham" broadcasts.

In fact, with this deluxe portable he can even set his watch to precise time signals from Fort Collins . . . Hawaii . . . Ottawa . . . Melbourne . . . Tokyo . . . or Johannesburg.

Have You Ever Seen a Galanty?

This was the old name for the shows put on at Christmas time by traveling entertainers, who projected shadow shows in pantomime, using silhouetted figures, by means of a magic lantern. The galanty shows were projected on a white sheet, or on the ceiling. But before long, magic lanterns became cheap and plentiful, so people had them in their homes, with an array of colored slides — and this became a popular home entertainment.

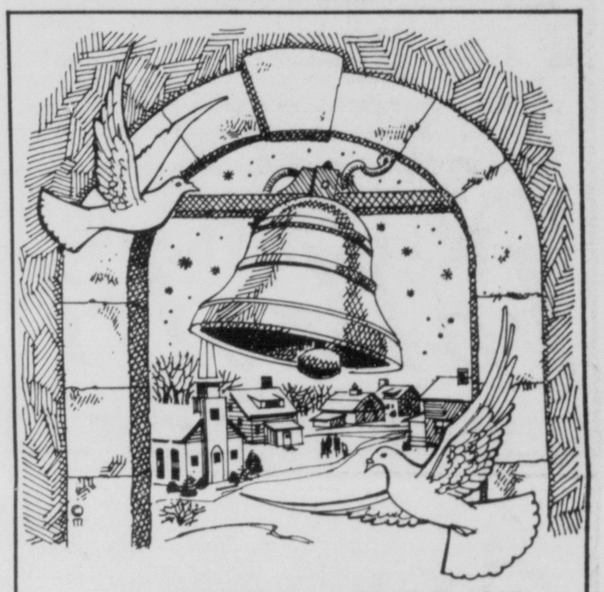
Now, many years later, and in spite of the attractions of television, the lineal descendants of those early magic lanterns continue to fascinate us.

N O E L

We wish you every blessing!

RUSSELL'S BULLDOG

SIKESTON, MO.



BEST WISHES AT Christmas

We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

HAMBRICK ELECTRIC

GREER ST. SIKESTON

Best Wishes FOR Christmas

TO EACH AND EVERYONE AND A Happy New Year

HOLYFIELD FLYING SERVICE INC.

COTTON MICKEY
BUTCH CARL
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AUSTIN LINDA

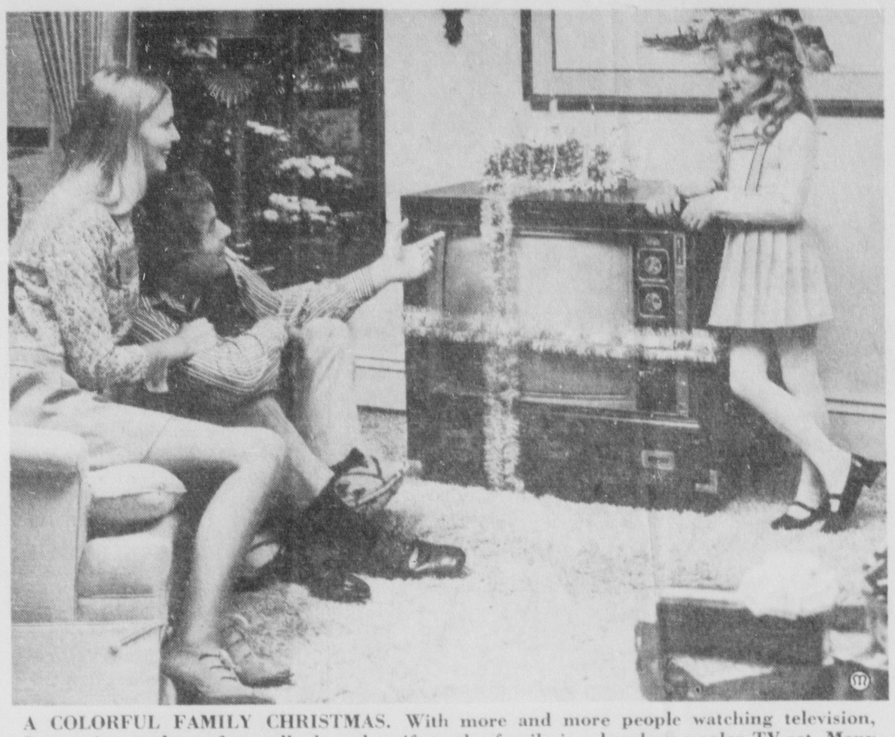
Starting with color TV sets Santa has electronic gifts for everyone on your Christmas gift list

There's something for practically everyone this year in Santa's bag of Christmas gifts that entertain electronically.

Whether you are eight or eighty . . . single . . . a careerist . . . parents of teen youngsters . . . college-bound . . . a roaming outdoorsman or boater . . . or armchair sports spectator, sights and sounds this year come in intriguing "packages" that are fun to give and fun to get.

Topping the list of favorite gifts-for-the-family is the color television set — whether it's destined as the first or the second in the home. This year, there's a bumper crop of important reasons for buying: the advanced super-bright Chromacolor picture tube, in four different screen sizes, with a major step up in brightness, contrast, picture detail and richness of color; automatic one-button color control; the push-button ease of ultrasonic remote control now built into more sets from portables to combinations, and the dependable solid state chassis, also in more sets.

News in TV



A COLORFUL FAMILY CHRISTMAS. With more and more people watching television, Santa wins applause from all when the gift to the family is a handsome color TV set. Many solid state sets, like this campaign chest styled console from Zenith, the Medford, have the new super-bright picture for greatly advanced viewing.

Cabinetry design in color TV brings innovations, too. There's the Avalon in a mirror-like chrome-metal case and the Mediterranean style Milano, both table models from Zenith.

In consoles, shoppers will find a furniture look to mix or match most every decorative room scheme. The four favorites are crisp Contemporary . . . ultra modern . . . Mediterranean . . . and comfortable, companionable Early American styling.

This year, too, there are many color TV portables (Zenith stresses a striking rosewood color in several of its remote control sets). These smaller screen entertainers, on convenient move-about carts, take color TV as far as you like for room-to-room viewing. Portables are a gift that span all ages, no matter whether color or black-and-white.

There's also a radio for everyone this Christmas. Traveling radios range from shirt pocket AM sets to FM-AM's that look like a wallet . . . a camera . . . or pop open, like an opera glass, then fold compactly to travel in style. And, of course, there's the deluxe gift for the man who has everything: the 11-band Trans-Oceanic that carries like luggage and brings the listener everything he wants from portable radio.

Entertaining Mom

Suggested for Mom: a table-top radio as a daytime companion when family members are at-work, at-school, or just "OUT."

If Junior and Sis are a problem to get up in time for a hearty breakfast and school, why not trap them this year with a clock-radio for their own rooms? If music can't handle the waker-upper assignment, ten chances to one — the raddio's buzzer alarm will.

Some radios offer the Circle of Sound advance . . . with a speaker system that surrounds with sound, no matter where the listeners sit in the room.

So do some of the popular 3-piece modular stereo units equipped for AM-FM-Stereo FM radio and record playing. One new gift-idea this year is Iliad-4, from Zenith, that combines Circle of Sound *and* 4-channel for an important new sound. It plays the new 4-channel "matrix" records as well as regular 2-channel stereo discs.

Some of the modulars have an 8-track tape playing capability . . . for those with an 8-track mind.

Tape it

Today, too, there's a whole wide wonderful world of usefulness growing up around the "carry about" cassette tape recorders. The user can tape vocal letters, lectures, business meetings, rehearse upcoming speeches, case histories — in short, anything he wants or needs on tape permanently or for just a short spell.

Some "cassettes" offer a plus of FM-AM radio, which means broadcast entertainment, news, sports commentary or whatever pleases, can be taped directly off-the-air. A great gift-idea for Dad.

TAPED GREETINGS

Spreading custom among tape recorder owners is to dictate a Yule message from the family and mail cassettes to relatives and friends.

To create one ton of wood, a tree has to soak up about 1,000 tons of water.

Old-Fashioned Greetings

Hope you and your family share an old-fashioned Christmas decked with friendship, fellowship, festivity.

Falkoff's

MENS & BOYS SHOP

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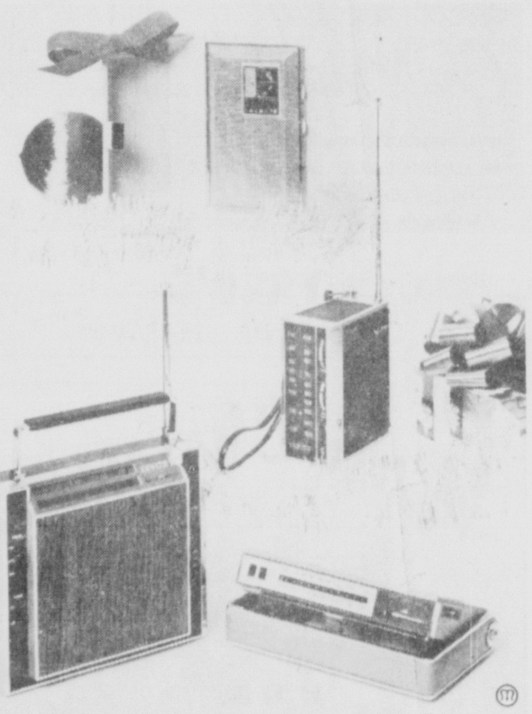


SHAPELY CHRISTMAS GIFT-IDEAS. Distinctive shapes in radios, each from Zenith, are (top), the billfold AM radio with its open and shut case; (below) the camera-style mini-compact FM-AM receiver, and left to right, bottom shelf: slim FM-AM personal portable with its pick-me-up handle, and the traveler-style set that pops up for FM and AM, closes for carrying.

GREETINGS

Best wishes for health and happiness, peace and good will, to all.

MONTGOMERY WARD

LANCASTER AGENCY

DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

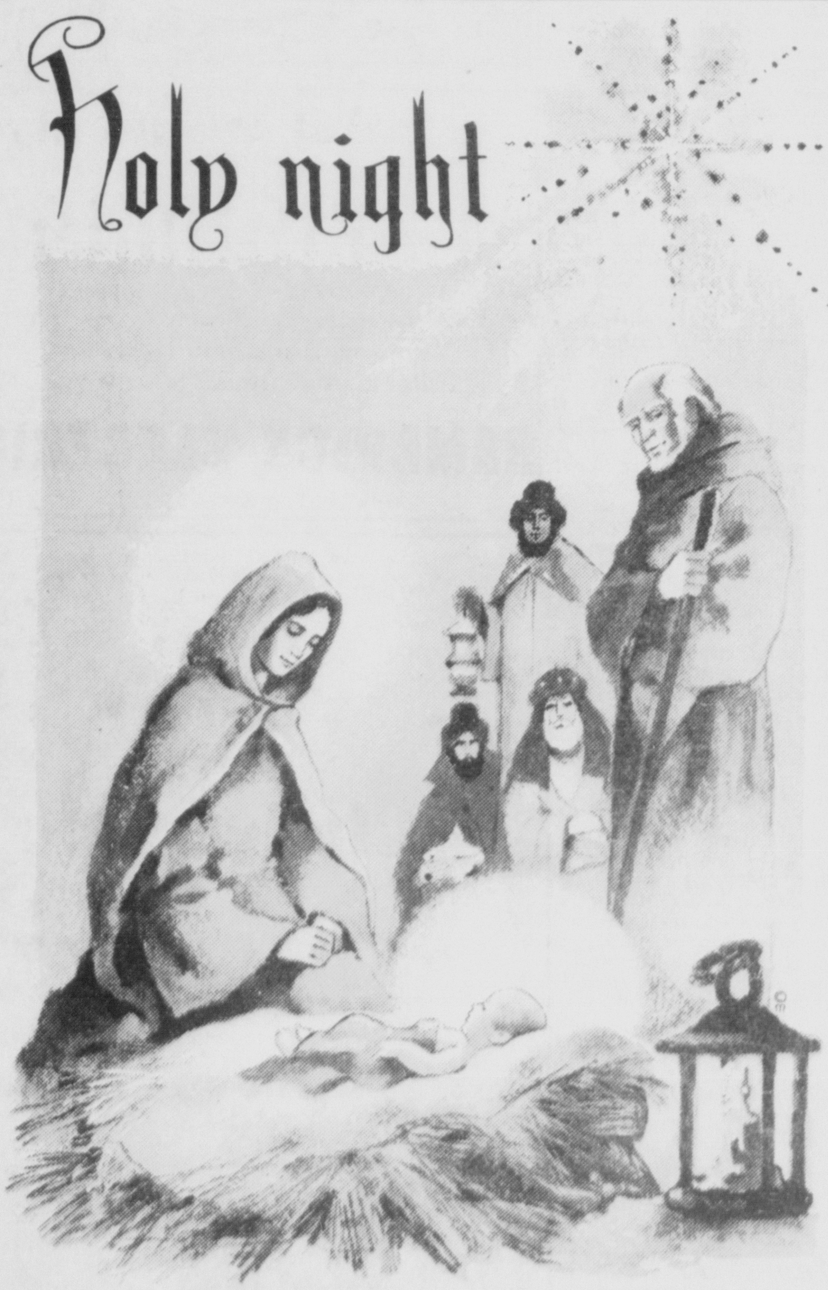
Christmas Cheer!

OTASCO

Hope you've got lots of good things for our friends and patrons. And please deliver this wish—Happy Holiday for Everyone!

Oklahoma Tire & Supply Co.

138 FRONT STREET



Holy night

May the infinite blessings of Christmas be yours in abundance.
Our sincere gratitude to all our many friends and neighbors.

Lindsey's

M & H SUPER MARKET

GREETINGS

These happy holidays come but once a year with a flurry of fun and good cheer. It is our sincere hope that this will continue throughout the year!

FROM DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

SIKESTON PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

SIKESTON, MO.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our friends, patrons.

THAT'S WHAT AH SAID

BUNNY BREAD

COMPANY

'Time' is now for happy gifting

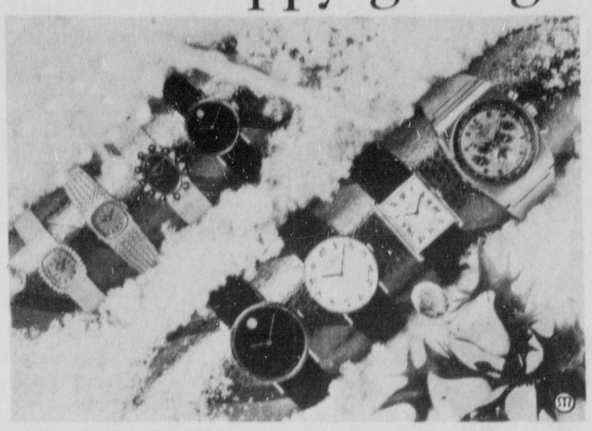
Since every Christmas gift doesn't need to be electronic, consider giving a precision watch to that special someone.

For her — from Movado — you'll find a handsome selection of 14K jewelry watches with a hand woven or mesh bracelet . . . watches that hide away in a yellow gold cover . . . watches with a link bracelet . . . self-winding calendar watches . . . watches of yellow gold with or without diamonds. And every dial is different.

If you're buying for him, translate his likes and personality into your gift choice. For a young man on the way up, why not a dress watch that reminds him of your good taste every time he looks at it? If he's more the outdoorsman, look for a self-winding calendar watch, one that's water resistant, with a bracelet band of wear-ever stainless steel.

If he's a private pilot . . . skindiver . . . or photographer, consider the Datron. It's self-winding, waterproof, a stop watch, shows the day, date, month and even moon phases. There's even one available with a tachometer dial.

One of the most famous faces in watches is the black museum dial of Movado with just two golden hands and a golden dot at 12 o'clock. You'll find a selection of these for HER and for HIM. Each is an ideal gift to give if you really care.



GIFTS FOR ALL TIME. For that very special HIM or HER, why not a quality watch this Christmas? Just a few from a broad Movado selection are (left) three 14K yellow gold watches with mesh bracelets, a 14K yellow gold strap watch with Movado's famous black museum dial for HER. For HIM, left to right, the museum dial watch, two dress watches, and a Datron self-winding chronograph calendar watch showing day, date, month, moonphases, with matching bracelet.

Merry Christmas

We rejoice in the sound of the words and the glory of the message: "— on earth peace, goodwill to men." But we do not always feel the meaning in our hearts and put it to work in our lives.

One who did was Henry Van Dyke, the late American clergyman, writer, and poet whose famous "Story of the Other Wise Man" has brought joy and inspiration to thousands of people over the years. Among his writings is a piece called "The Spirit of Christmas," and we think you'll like it as much as we did. We are happy to print it, from us to you:

"We are thinking of you today because it is Christmas . . . and tomorrow because it will be the day after, and so on through the year. We may not be able to tell you about it every day, but that makes no difference, the thought and the wish will be here just the same . . ."

"Because it is Christmas" — so many things follow. *"Because it is Christmas"* — the world stands still for a while, in reverent memory of the Christ child's birth. *"Because it is Christmas"* — we hope anew for peace on earth, goodwill to men. *"Because it is Christmas"* — we resolve that the Spirit of Christmas will stay with us throughout the year.

Of course, the Spirit of Christmas should not be confined to a single day — nor is it. For all those who truly believe in "good will to men" honor it in their hearts and live it in their lives, every day of the year. They cherish the continuing warmth of friendship, the ever-new rebirth of the Babe who lived to teach us peace and love. And though friends may be far away or seldom met, that too "makes no difference" — the steady flow of hope and good will continues to bind together those who put their trust in the power of loving kindness, and in all that we mean by humanity.

A Message from Billy Graham

"God is always with us but at Christmas we are more intensely aware of his presence. He looks out at us from the faces of those we love. He speaks to us amid the sounds of bells and the anthems of praise. And His greatest gift comes to our hearts anew when we hear the beautiful Christmas story once again — and believe."

(Quotation from a Billy Graham card by Hallmark)

GREETINGS at CHRISTMAS

Seasonal excitement is in the air as spirits mount. To all our good patrons go sincere thanks.

MID DELTA AGENCY

SIKESTON, MO.

PEACE

May you and yours be greatly blessed by the spiritual radiance of Christmas. To know and serve you is our sincere pleasure.

VOELKERS CREDIT JEWELER

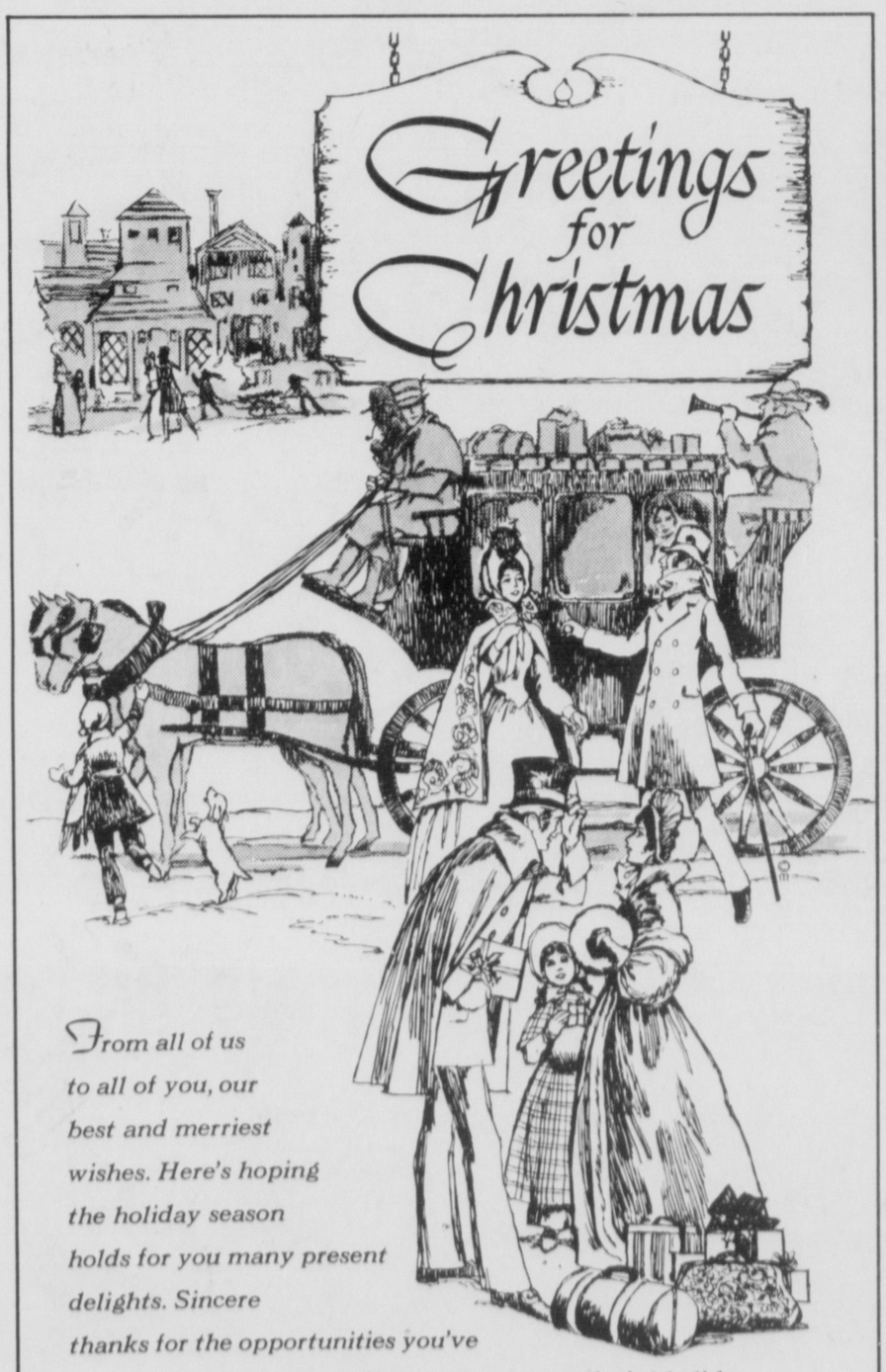
Downtown Sikeston

Lasting glow

A tastefully styled lamp to give a glow year 'round is a gift that will be appreciated in any home this holiday season. Stiffel suggests this 39½-inch column with bright old brass finish separating a hand decorated malachite column to blend with holiday greenery now as well as with other furnishings in a room throughout the rest of the year. Ivory textured shade shields 8-inch reflector bowl for proper light diffusion at sofa-side, chair side, or atop a delicate table desk like the one shown above.

Perfume -- a holiday treat

A holiday classic . . . Bellodgia, the classic French fragrance by Parfums Caron. A single floral incorporating the subtlety of spicy carnations . . . a favorite of royal courts the world over. This unique fragrance, combining 80 different ingredients, is available in perfume . . . exquisitely bottled for gift giving. Bellodgia can also be presented in Eau de Toilette, Eau de Cologne, Perfumed Oil, Parfum de Toilette Spray, Dusting Powder and Soap. And, of course, in a super-sleek Purse Spray Perfume Flacon. Other Bellodgia accessories . . . Cologne Parfumee Spray, Bath and Body Perfume and Spray Eau de Toilette. The Caron way to say, "Merry Christmas!"



From all of us to all of you, our best and merriest wishes. Here's hoping the holiday season holds for you many present delights. Sincere thanks for the opportunities you've given us to be of service. Have a simply wonderful holiday.

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Portable hair beauty

What could please her more than a completely portable beauty salon under the Christmas tree! The Dominion Mistie Coiffure Model 3803 in a deluxe travel case with shoulder strap handles five major grooming jobs. It is a hair dryer, mist styling comb, mist styling brush, styling dryer and built-in dryer — all to let her go from dry hair to long-lasting mist set in minutes.

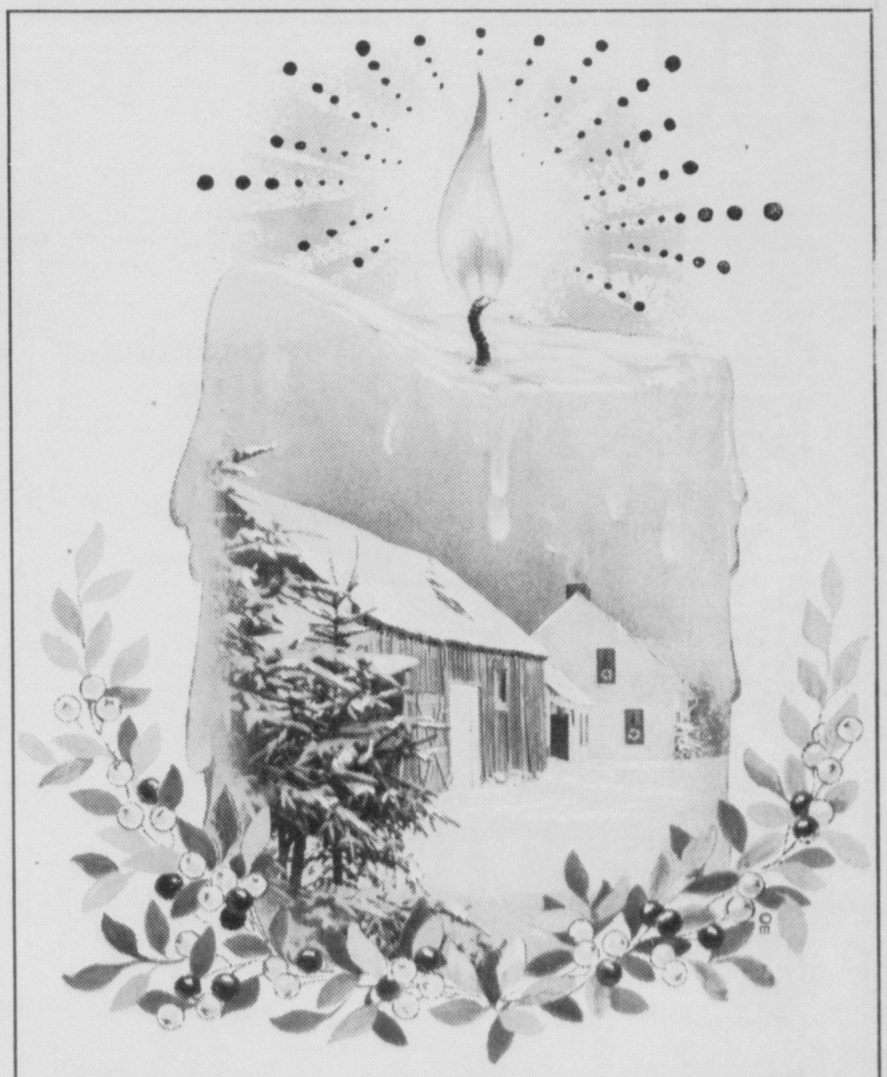
Our wish is simple but sincere ...
May you enjoy a Merry Christmas.

AND A **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

FERN & BOB EUBANK
MODEND HASTING

JENKINS SHOE

DOWNTOWN SIKESTON



GREETINGS

We hope that the true spirit of Christmas willl bring a glow to your spirits, warmth to your heart. Thanks to all!

CARROLL'S FLORIST

208 SIKES **SIKESTON, MO.**

Identity of Fair Sex In Question

NEW YORK (AP) — If fashion trends continue, you may soon be swapping earrings with your husband. The rage among males in the avant garde underground who have been blazing men's style trends for the last ten years is a small gold ring or post worn in one ear.

Last year's underground kick — men's bracelets — has become this year's hottest items in male jewelry. With flared slacks, five-inch lapels and peacock colors all now comfortably part of the establishment, don't be surprised at anything that happens in men's styles.

Since Christmas is coming, here's a quick guide to current approaches in masculine adornment.

One underground fashion now surfacing in Europe, and soon to appear in the U.S., is jeweled pins for men. Worn on wide lapels like their feminine counterparts, pins of semi-precious stones, gold, and silver add a final touch of bold elegance to an outfit.

Even practical items like watches have felt the trend toward ornamentation. Today's most popular watches are fashion items as well as timepieces, says Richard Trauner, president of Edward Trauner, Inc., U.S. sales agency for Zodiac, Vacheron & Constantin, and Clebar watches.

Trauner pointed to the Zodiac Astrographic as an example of the new fashions in men's watches. The watch's hour and minute hands appear to float over the face while an orbiting satellite marks off the passing seconds. A tiger's eye dial is featured on one of the popular styles.

Watch faces are larger and bands are wider, a style that dates back to the watch fad of the Sixties which introduced personalities and cartoon characters on the watch face. Today, though, the idea of larger faces and wider bands has even influenced the finer, more elegant watches.

Mr Trauner also said the "full-flow" look in men's watches — where the watch and band flow together as a complete decorative unit — is gaining popularity over other styles.

The traditional identification bracelet is coming back in style — in hammered or engraved gold and silver as well as copper.

Medallions and other neckpieces add a Renaissance note to today's man. This offbeat fashion of a few years ago is moving out into the mainstream.

Men's rings have changed markedly in recent years. Class and insignia rings have declined in popularity while decorative rings with rugged designs in gold and silver have come on with a splash. Semi-prescious stones like tiger's eye, lapis and jade in flamboyant settings are selling briskly.

Pinky rings and index finger rings are being seen more often. Wedding rings, too, have moved into the realm of fashion. In addition to the simple gold or silver band, wedding rings are being set with precious stones or constructed of rough gold or silver design.

This jewelry has emerged as a natural companion to the new colors and styles of today's man.

MAKE HERS MINK this Christmas, with a handsome blanket plaid that is equally at home in a cosmopolitan or country atmosphere. The coat is created by a clever melding of a tri-color plaid in black, white and pastel complemented by a classic wrap silhouette. Designed by Christian Dior, the triangular flare of the coat is offset by a notched collar.

Picnic sets are for everyone on the go

Here's a Christmas gift that is suitable for almost everyone on your list. The family man, the sportsman, the young married, the leisure-loving retiree, the gregarious singles type — each and everyone will find this trim picnic kit from Thermos a splendid way to carry a movable feast.

This luxurious vinyl picnic kit contains two Thermos brand vacuum bottles — one for hot and cold beverages, the other for hot and cold foods. The quart-size bottles have lithographed steel cases in a handsome wood-grain design.

A roomy covered container completes the kit and is handy for sandwiches, hard-cooked eggs, relishes or dessert.

Ideal for the beach, boating, traveling, active and spectator sports, or camping, this gift is the perfect present for people on the go.

"Arras" Means Tapestry

Flourishing tapestry workshops often ceased abruptly — as did tapestry weaving in Paris, in 1415, after the defeat of the French by the English at Agincourt. But the art would then be re-established elsewhere, in another town — as it was after 1415, in Arras, under the patronage of the dukes of Burgundy. At Arras, the weavers won such a reputation that the name of the town became a synonym for tapestry itself.

The mid-15th Century was a great period in tapestry weaving, with important workshops like that at Tournal, France, which produced famous tapestries such as the "Story of Troy," a series of 11 large hangings, which were reproduced by order for several houses of royalty.

May the peace and serenity of Christmas fill your heart, your home and your life throughout this blessed season and in the year to come. We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patronage.

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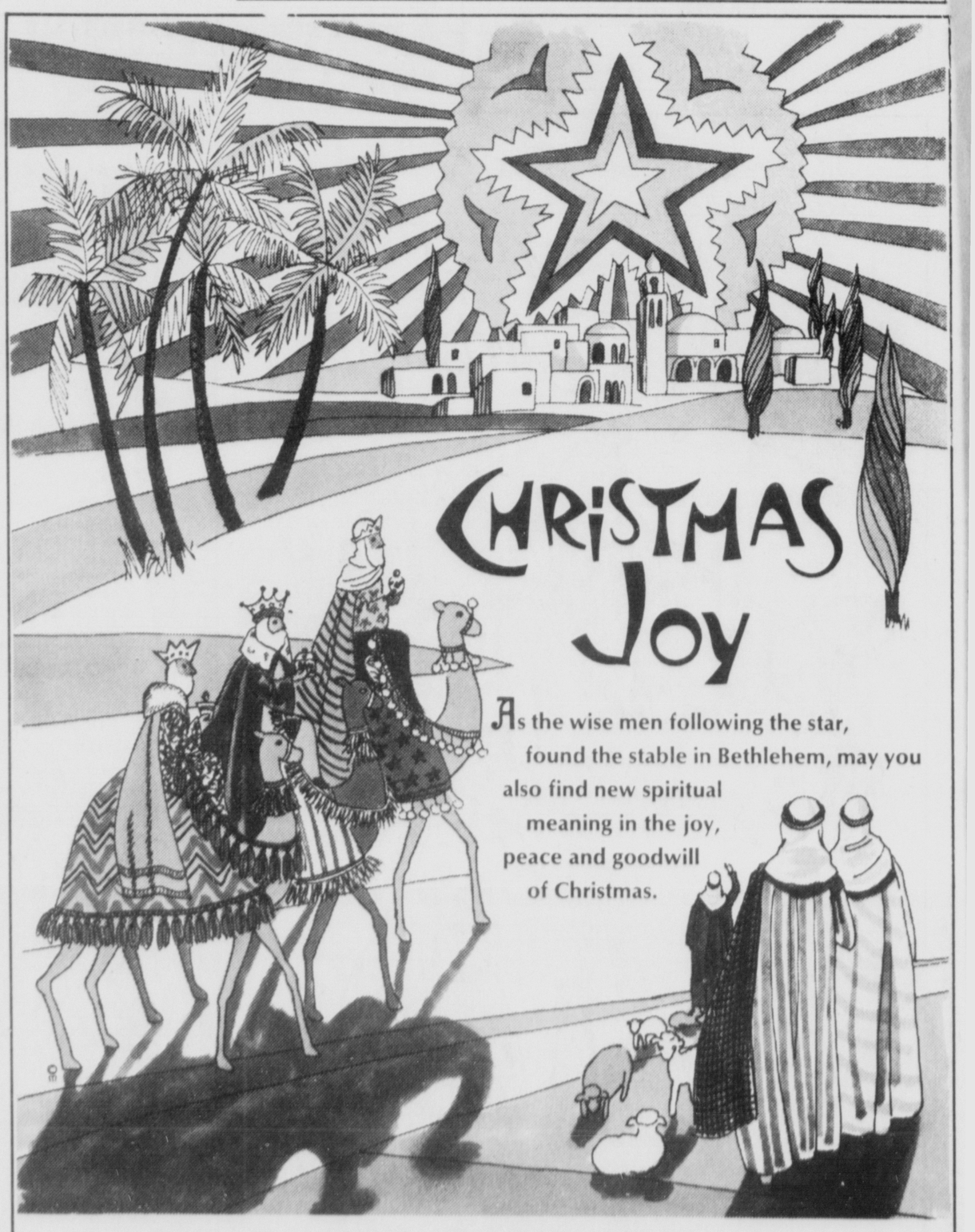

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SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

SIKESTON, MO.

"This shall be a sign unto you:
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in
swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

CHRISTMAS

The ancient story that's always
new: "For unto us a Child is born."
Now, once again, we pause amid the
hustle and bustle...to remember what
Christmas is...to hear the angels
sing...to feel the shepherds' wonder
...and to reflect on the miracle
of peace on earth, good will
towards men. May the real meaning of
the season make us all like children:
warm-hearted, open-minded, full
of hope for a better world. "He
came that we might have peace,
and have it more abundantly."

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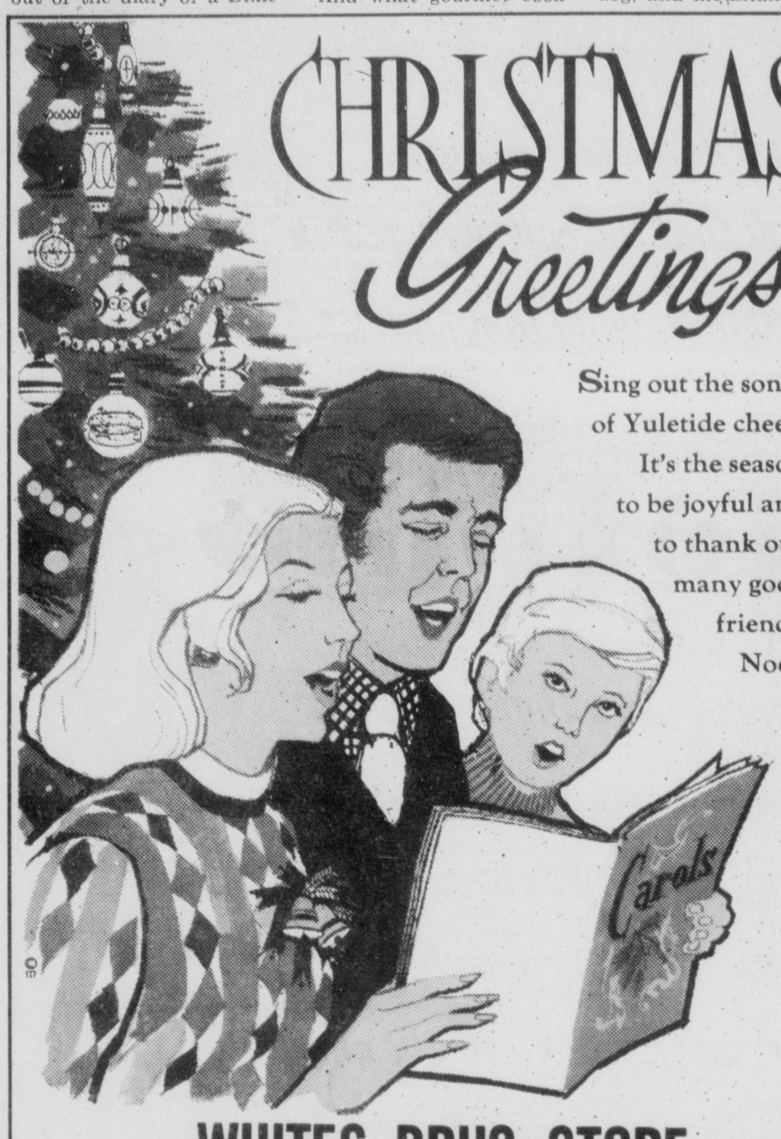
Christmas Dinners in The Good Old Days

How many people today could manage such a menu as this one? Here it is, right out of the diary of a Dixie plantation owner:

"We had for dinner oyster soup, besides boiled mutton, ham, boned turkey, wild ducks, partridges, plum pudding, sauterne, burgundy, sherry, and Madeira."

And what gourmet cook would care to cope with this one? It was served to hearty-eating miners in the Rockies in 1858. After oysters and pork, which were conventional "openers," the menu went on to elk, antelope, buffalo "smothered" and grizzly bear a la mode. In addition, there was Black Mountain squirrel, prairie dog, and mountain rats.



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Candles Light the Way Throughout the Ages

SILENT NIGHT candle features the words and music of the famous Christmas carol. Photo from Hallmark

Snow or No, It's Always "White Christmas"

The traditional image of an outdoor Christmas scene brings to mind, for most of us, the brilliance of sunlight on snow-covered fields and hills. But this is an idea that originated in the northern parts of Europe and America—and of course it doesn't really apply to the climate in many parts of our country.

In southern California, for instance, roses are blooming at Christmas—indeed, we all know this if only because of the famous New Year's "Rose Bowl" football game. And in Florida, at Christmas time, there's apt to be a hot sun beaming down on sand.

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However, the image of the White Christmas has taken hold everywhere. And so we use artificial snow, and garlands of Spanish moss instead of evergreens. Even palm trees may be used as Christmas trees, which, after all, relates realistically to the climate of the Holy Land itself.

Even in the north, today, it often happens that snow fails to appear at Christmas. But tradition is stronger than the contrary weather. We like the look and the idea of snow, and this tradition is reflected in our holiday decorations and greeting cards. The whiteness of snow stands for purity — its coldness suggests by contrast the warmth and coziness of the fireside and family group. And the magic of snow falling can lift our spirits as it transforms the world, covering all that is dreary with pure white.

FIRST CANDLE MACHINE

In 1834 a modern candle-molding machine was developed by Joseph Morgan, so that candles no longer had to be made by a tedious hand-dipped process.

Although it has been said there was no candle to light the manger in the stable at Bethlehem, still from early times people have placed tapers in windows to light the way for the Christ Child and welcome Him.

In many countries, anyone coming to the door at Christmastime was invited to enter. For some believed that Christ Himself would appear at a house with a candle, concealing his identity, to learn the extent of their kindness.

Candles have inspired men throughout the ages, linking their bright glow with the beauty of faith. Research by Hallmark candle expert John Sinjem reveals that candles were generally used at Christmastime as far back as the 11th Century. Until the 18th Century they were made primarily from tallow or beeswax. The latter was preferred, as an emblem of Mary's purity, for wax is the product of virgin bees. Many persons believed that bees came from heaven, and it was not unusual for religious institutions to keep swarms of them. According to an early writer, the wax represented Christ's body; the wick, His soul; and the flame His divine nature.

The religious symbolism of the candle grew through the centuries after early Christians, huddled in the damp chill catacombs of Rome, used lighted candles as a source of comfort.

New Candle Materials

In 1750 a substance from the head of the sperm whale was found to be superior to tallow and beeswax. Later, in 1850, paraffin wax was developed and combined with stearic acid to make candles of the modern type.

Bayberry candles with their delicate scent are especially popular at Christmas, and they are said to bring good luck to the home. The bayberry candle is uniquely American. Bayberry bushes grew in great abundance in the new world, and after learning to extract the greenish wax from the wild bayberries, the Pilgrims used it to make candles.

Score Yourself On This Christmas Quiz

See how well you can score on the answers to questions about Christmas and its customs! Then check the answers:

1. Research says that Christ's birthday occurred on:
   a) December 25
   b) an uncertain date
   c) January 6

2. Sending Christmas cards is a custom that started in:
   a) Germany
   b) England
   c) the U.S.

3. Hanging mistletoe is a custom that began:
   a) in the 18th Century
   b) in Scandinavia
   c) among the ancient Druids

4. Decorating a Christmas tree has its origin in:
   a) Germany
   b) Czechoslovakia
   c) Norway

5. The first people to set up a decorated Christmas tree in a public place were:
   a) Portuguese
   b) Flemish
   c) Americans

6. The custom of burning the Yule Log originated with:
   a) the Vikings
   b) the French
   c) the Slavs

7. The meaning of the word "carol," as used in England in the Middle Ages, was:
   a) dancing
   b) singing
   c) dancing in a circle while singing

8. The use of the creche, or crib, as a Christmas symbol was introduced by:
   a) the French
   b) the Italians
   c) the Swedes

9. Exchanging gifts for Christmas was not practiced until:
   a) 800 A.D.
   b) the latter part of 19th Century
   c) about 200 years ago

10. The character of Santa Claus was first known as:
    a) Father Christmas
    b) St. Nicholas
    c) Pere Noel

ANSWERS

1—a 2—b 3—c 4—a 5—b 6—a 7—c 8—b 9—c 10—b

SCORING

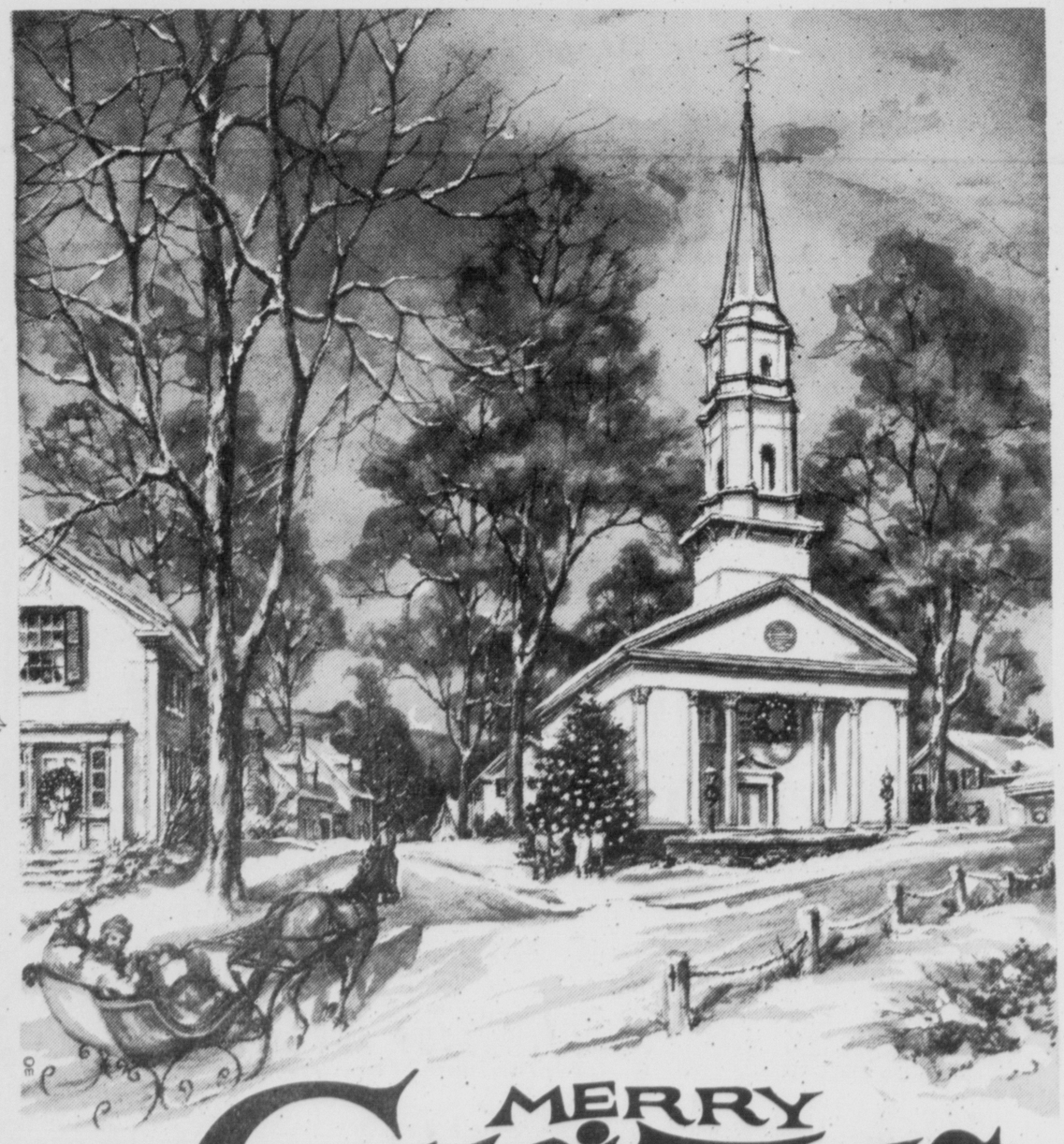
8 or better gives you an A; 5 to 7 is average.
Less than that — return one Christmas present!

THE BEAN KING

In parts of France, Spain, and Mexico they still eat a special 12th Night cake, in which a single bean has been concealed. The finder of the bean is hailed as Bean King — a survival of an ancient pagan custom which chose the King of the Saturnalia by lot in this way.

SWEDISH CROWN OF CANDLES

In Sweden, the Christmas season traditionally begins on December 13, when a young girl in each house assumes the role of St. Lucia, wearing a white robe and a crown of lighted candles. The custom goes back to Viking times when, under the old calendar, the night of December 12-13 was the longest of the year. The Lucia girl symbolizes returning light.



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St. Nicholas (Sinterklaas) riding in the Amsterdam parade, after arriving by boat. His horse is always white, said to be in memory of the white horse of Odin.

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Dutch Celebrate Feast of Sinterklaas

Patron Saint of Amsterdam Was Born in Asia Minor; Famed as Child Benefactor

For centuries, the Feast of Sinterklaas has been unique as a Dutch and Flemish event, honoring St. Nicholas' Calendar Day on December 6, but celebrated on the eve, December 5.

Why is St. Nicholas' influence so strong in Holland? Primarily because he was the patron saint of merchants and sailors. The actual Saint lived from 271 A.D. to December 6, 342 or 343, so that his Calendar Day honors the date of his death. He became famous as the Archbishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, and performed many good and saintly deeds. Legend tells us he performed miracles as well, such as calming stormy seas, dropping dowries into the shoes of penniless maidens, and saving children from dire harm. He is now the patron saint of the city of Amsterdam.

All Dutch children believe that Sinterklaas, as the saint is now known, lives in Spain, where he spends most of the year recording the behavior of all children in a big red book, while his servant Piet (Pete) stocks up on presents for the next December 5. After mid-November, Sinterklaas mounts his milk-white steed, Piet swings the sack full of gifts over his shoulders, and they board a ship to sail for Amsterdam harbor and a formal welcome by the Mayor and prominent citizens. Then comes a fabulous parade through town, watched live and on TV by people all over the country.

At night Sinterklaas rides across Holland's rooftops and Piet distributes gifts and candy — in exchange for the hay or carrot which children leave for the horse in each little shoe that's left by the fireplace.

A Sinterklaas present is not a bit like an early Christmas present. Dutch tradition demands that all packages be camouflaged in some imaginative way, and that each gift be accompanied by a fitting poem. For the essence of Sinterklaas is sheer fun — with kidding expected between all ages and social groups. Presents are often hidden all over the house — and those who get them must be willing to work hard for their surprise. The poems that come with the gifts are expected to play good-natured jokes on the giftees and they must be read aloud. Afterward, each person says a loud "Thank you, Sinterklaas!" — which is indeed the way the Hollander feels about this merry and very special Christmas festivity.

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Old Pagan Traditions Still Honor 12th Night

Twelfth Night is the popular English name for the Feast of the Epiphany, which falls on January 6, just 12 days after Christmas. The word "Epiphany" comes from a Greek word meaning "appearance," usually used in reference to the appearance of a deity in visible form.

The earliest reference to the festival, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, was in the later years of the 2nd Century, when Clement of Alexandria, in Egypt, spoke of certain Christians observing the 6th of January in memory of the baptism of Jesus. The actual date seems to have been chosen in order to rival some of the popular pagan festivals of that day.

By the beginning of the 4th century, orthodox Christians in the East were observing the festival as a triple celebration. It became an all-inclusive feast, honoring the birth and baptism of Christ, and His first miracle at Cana of Galilee.

Arrival of the Magi

In the West, however, the particular commemoration assigned to Epiphany was the visit of the Magi. During the Middle Ages, the Epiphany festival was widely observed by the performance of miracle plays in the churches about the Three Kings or Magi. Particularly in England, the day was marked by dramatic productions, though not necessarily religious ones, and this custom survived into the Elizabethan period. Shakespeare took the popular name of Twelfth Night for his play of that title, which was written to be performed on that date.

Since Epiphany concludes the Yuletide festivities, and its date coincides with many ancient pagan customs, it was often celebrated with strange ceremonies in which those customs mingled with Christian rites. Some of these old ceremonies still exist in parts of Europe, where fixed rituals may have origins, often with an overlay of magic, that are lost in the past.

Up-Helly-Aa Is Norse

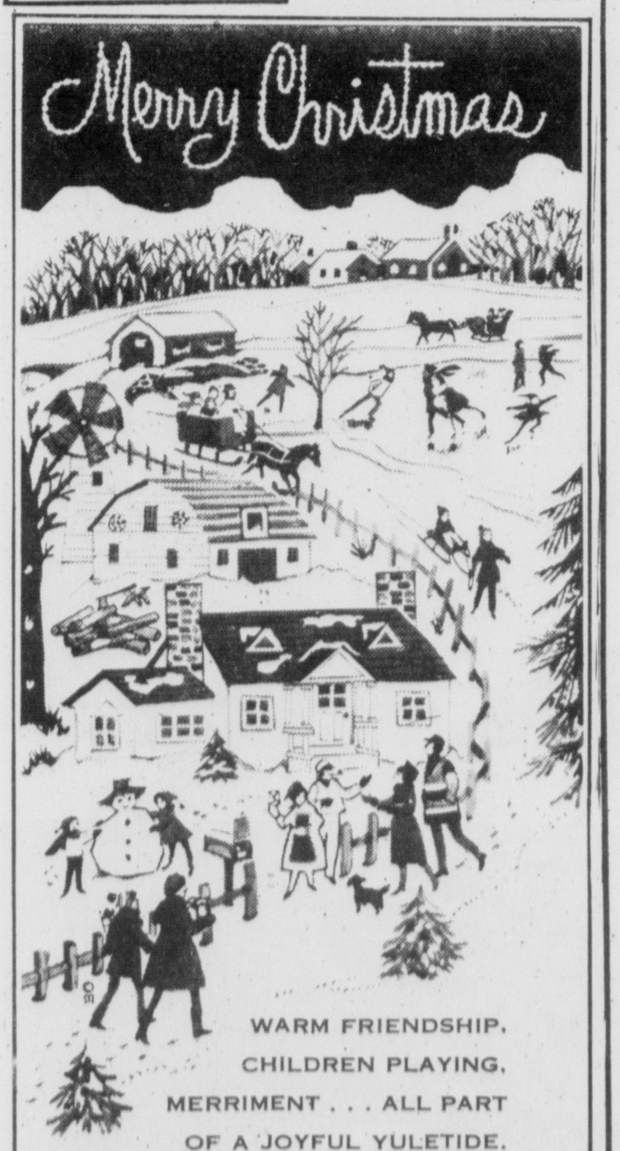
Still celebrated in the Shetland Islands is an old Viking ceremony known as "Up-Helly-Aa." The name means "end of the holiday," indicating that the event comes, some time after Christmas, actually at the end of January.

The ceremony itself is very dramatic, since it takes place at night, by torchlight. Men in the old wild Viking costumes, complete with high horned helmets, tow a huge 30-foot Norse longboat through the town, in a torchlight procession... then the boat is set ablaze on the beach.

Wassailing the Trees

This unusual torchlight ceremony still is observed in certain parts of England on January 17, which is the date of "old 12th Night." It's another survival from very ancient times, when prayers were made to the god of trees and fruit.

A glass of cider is thrown on the trunk of an old apple tree, while toast soaked in cider is fastened to the tree branches. Then guns are fired through the branches, while the old invocation, or prayer to the tree, is sung. Once the evil spirits have been frightened away by the guns, says the old tradition, one can settle down to the business of drinking cider — a real "wassail."



Christmas Themes From Tapestry Era Are Revived Today

Today's great revival of tapestry work and other needle crafts shows a lively interest in sacred subjects, just as many of the famous tapestries of the past were devout treatments of Biblical themes, including the Nativity and the Adoration of the Magi.

Tapestry work itself has a long and fascinating history, as modern weavers and embroiderers are discovering. It is defined as a hand-woven, patterned fabric in which the weaver shapes one area of color at a time. Basically a simple technique, which can be accomplished even on primitive looms, such weaving has been done ever since early antiquity.

The oldest tapestry work known to us is Egyptian, where some of the cloth found in tombs was patterned with lotus flowers and hieroglyphics. A comprehensive history would trace it through pre-Christian times to the fine silk hangings made in Byzantium, and adapted from there by Islamic artists — plus the parallel development in the Far East, where tapestries were made by the Chinese and Japanese. But our own tradition is derived from the European, which has produced such exquisite work as the examples reproduced here.

Although the most dramatic examples are large pictorial wall hangings, tapestry has been used for many other purposes, such as covers, cushions, and upholstery . . . just as today's craftsmen make chair covers in needlepoint.

Wool is the most frequently used fiber, though details are often done with silk or even gold or silver — and some tapestries have been produced entirely in silk.

Large pictorial tapestries were generally made by a team of weavers, the most skillful of whom specialized in faces. They worked from a full size design, or cartoon, made by a professional designer, which was traced in outline on the warp or vertical threads.

Tapestries used as wall hangings found a wide acceptance in mediaeval Europe — they gave warmth and color to the stark stone walls of castles and other interiors, and they were a type of furnishing easily movable from one location to another.

Crusades Inspired Europeans

The earliest wool tapestries in Western Europe date from the 12th and 13th centuries — when the Crusades had made Europeans familiar with the tapestries of the East. The first professional tapestry workshop in Paris was established about 1263. The earliest surviving product of that workshop is a group of large tapestries showing scenes from the Apocalypse, now in the Museum of Tapestries in Angers, France. Others from the same period include one called "Nine Heroes," now in The Cloisters in New York, and the "Presentation of Christ in the Temple," which is in Brussels. All of these reflect the style of the Franco-Flemish painting and book illumination of the late 14th Century — a composition in tiers and backgrounds covered with initials or flowers.

Tapestry in Today's World

The revival of interest in our own time is partially attributable to a reaction against poor quality in mass-produced merchandise and synthetic fabrics. Another factor is that modern painting of the abstract school translates well into tapestry. And again — today's architecture is stark and severe, and in need of color, just as were mediaeval castles. Hence decorative wall hangings are again serving a true function, even if they are no longer needed to keep out the cold.

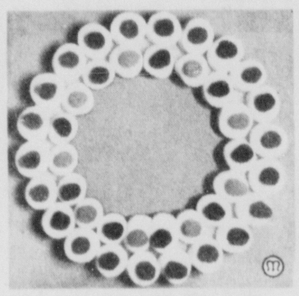
Today we have not only the professional weavers in traditional workshops, but also the small-scale production of the artist-weaver. Even more notable, perhaps, is the prominence of the individual craftsman, most often a craftswoman, who expresses herself in the related techniques of needlepoint and crewel embroidery.

Many of today's experts in needlecrafts are members of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, an educational, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to maintain high standards of design, color, and workmanship in all kinds of embroidery and canvas work. Through its New York office, the Guild carries on a variety of activities, including a quarterly publication, a reference library, and occasional contests.

The modern illustrations we show are courtesy of the Embroiderers' Guild, as they are among the winning designs in a Christmas Card competition held by the Guild. They are interesting modern interpretations of the tapestry themes of the past.

(*Above*) THE ADORATION OF THE MAGI — French tapestry of the late 15th Century. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Lillian Stokes Gillespie Collection.

Make It for a Party: Eat It Later



Doesn't the Marshmallow Wreath look good enough to eat? It really is!

Make a Marshmallow Gumdrop Wreath like our photo to use as a centerpiece on a holiday table. It would be very attractive encircling a big candle.

The base of the wreath is a large styrofoam ring, which you can buy at the dime store, or glue together from smaller pieces of foam (often used as packing material). Or substitute any porous material—foam rubber, leftover plasterboard, etc. Cut marshmallows in half with scissors, wiping scissors with damp cloth after each marshmallow is cut, to keep blades clean.

Cut off ⅓ the length of each toothpick, and use the longer piece, inserting it into marshmallow. Place marshmallow on foam ring and push toothpick through marshmallow and into ring.

Leave about ¼ inch exposed. Now place small gumdrop on the exposed toothpick. Use red and green gumdrops for a gala, colorful effect.

Know What "Wassail" Means?

This ancient word, familiar to us from song and story, comes from the Anglo-Saxon words "Wes hal" — which means "be whole," or in more modern terms, "Good Health." It was used as a toast, before lifting one's glass — and by extension came to mean a drinking song.

1752 Calendar Set Christmas Date on Dec. 25

We know that our calendar today is a relatively modern institution. But do we realize that in earliest times, Christmas was celebrated on January 18? It is still so celebrated by the Armenian church. Later on, the date became January 6 — and it was only in 1752, with the final change to the Gregorian calendar, that the rearrangement of dates placed Christmas Day on December 25.

Some church people in England were very indignant when this change took place — feeling that somehow they had been robbed of 11 days and the corresponding wages. Some of them tried to find out if the new date were correct by noting whether or not the tree called the Glastonbury Thorn (supposedly planted by Joseph of Arimathea) would flower on the new date or the old. Sometimes the tree bloomed on one day and sometimes on the other, however, depending on the weather — so that supporters of both dates managed to keep up the quarrel for some time.

Coptic Customs Rule in Ethiopia

Ethiopia is a land which has been Christian for some 1600 years. The Ethiopian Orthodox Coptic Church, which has much in common with other Eastern Rite churches, such as the Greek and the Russian, is the established church of the nation. In its interesting and unusual customs, which are a blend of Christian, Hebraic, and pagan traditions, there are many unusual rites and ceremonies, centering on the important Church festivals of Christmas and Epiphany.

Today, in Ethiopia, customs of the Western celebration of Christmas are beginning to find popularity, so that Santa Claus is becoming a familiar figure, Christmas trees are being set up and decorated, and gifts are being exchanged. All this is done, however, according to the dates of the old Julian calendar, which is the one followed in Ethiopia, so that they celebrate Christmas on January 7th.

In this connection, it is interesting to know that the year in Ethiopia consists of 13 months, starting on September 11, when spring begins. There are 12 months of 30 days each, plus a short month of 5 days, known as Pagumen. This comes just before the New Year.

However westernized the Ethiopian Christmas may become, the people are not likely to change their observance of important religious festivals. In the month of January, known as Tirr, the Coptic Church observes 4 festivals — the first being Christmas, but even more important is Epiphany, or Timket. This has, as its main feature, the blessing of water and the sprinkling of it on the assembled faithful — a re-enactment of Christ's baptism by John the Baptist. On the previous day, all is made ready. Bells ring, trumpets blow, and drums roll as the priests carry the sacred "Tabot" out from the church to a special carpeted tent, where it remains overnight until time for the priests to bring it forth for the ceremony.

The "Tabot" is the most sacred object in the church. It represents the Ark of the Covenant, which, according to tradition, was brought to Ethiopia from Jerusalem by Menelik, son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. The Tabot is really a portable altar holding the sacred vessels for celebrating the Eucharist, and is always carried concealed under crimson cloths, on the heads of the priests.

That popular holiday-party drink known as eggnog is a modern version of an old English drink called syllabub, which was a spiced mixture of wine and milk.

To you and yours, we send best wishes for a holiday season filled with the warmth and wonder of Christmas.

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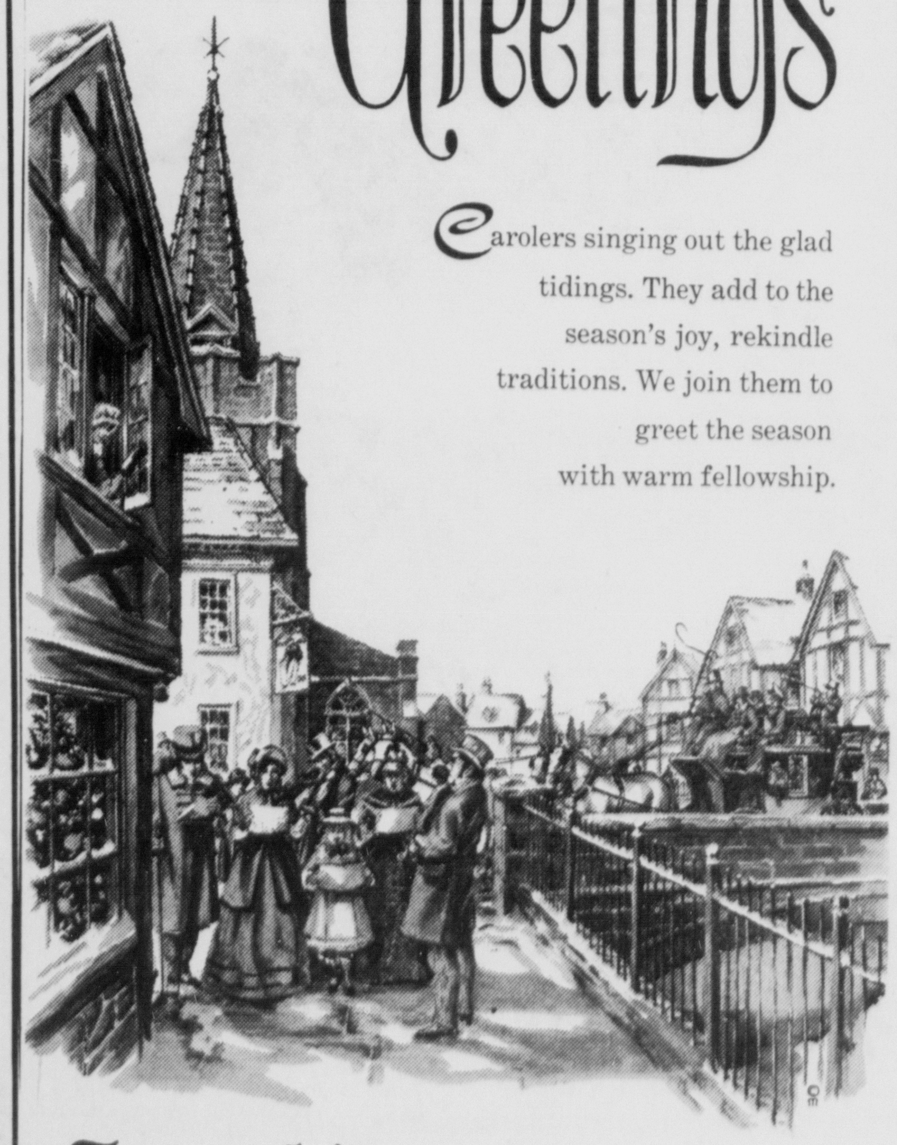

Carolers singing out the glad tidings. They add to the season's joy, rekindle traditions. We join them to greet the season with warm fellowship.

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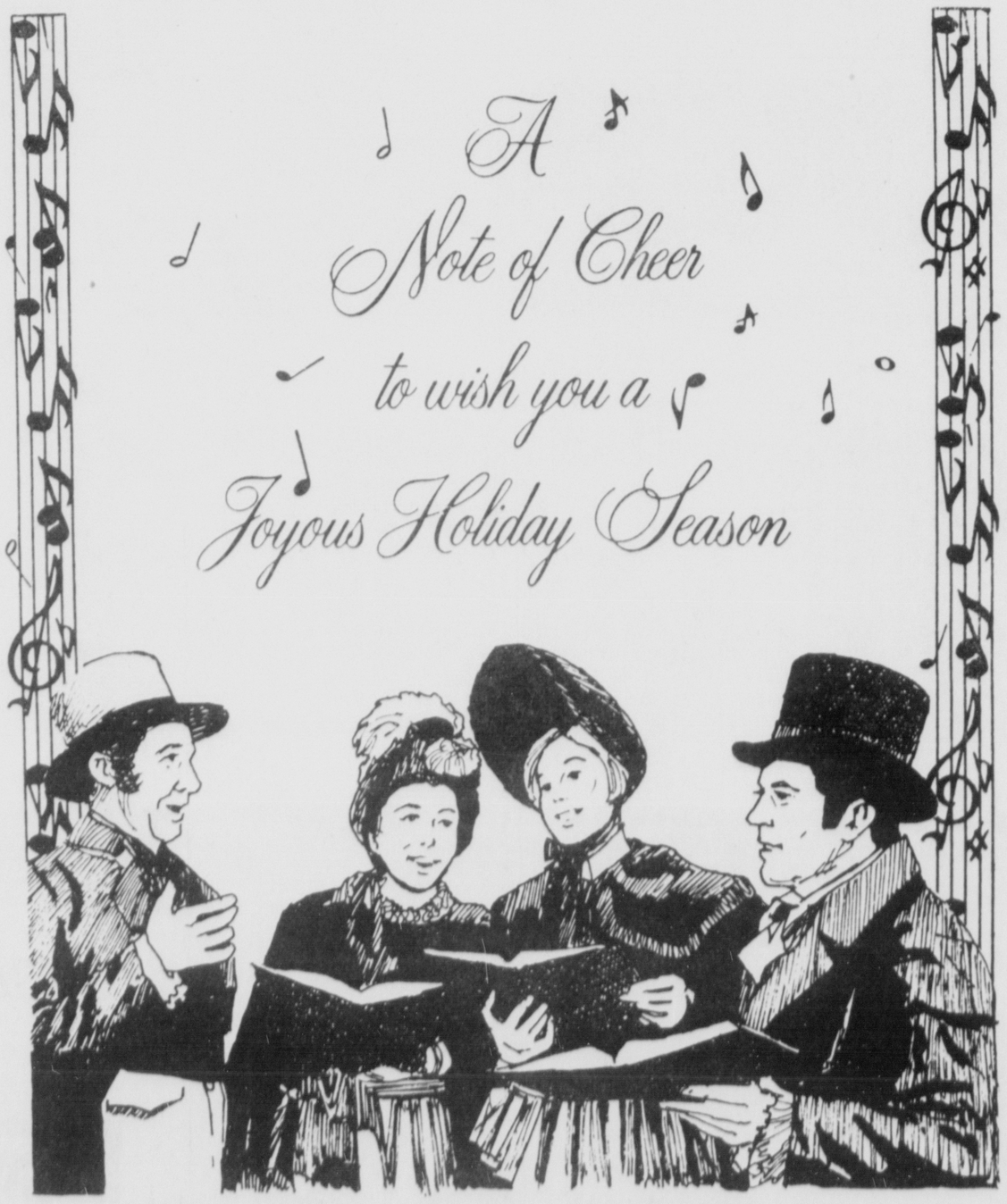

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